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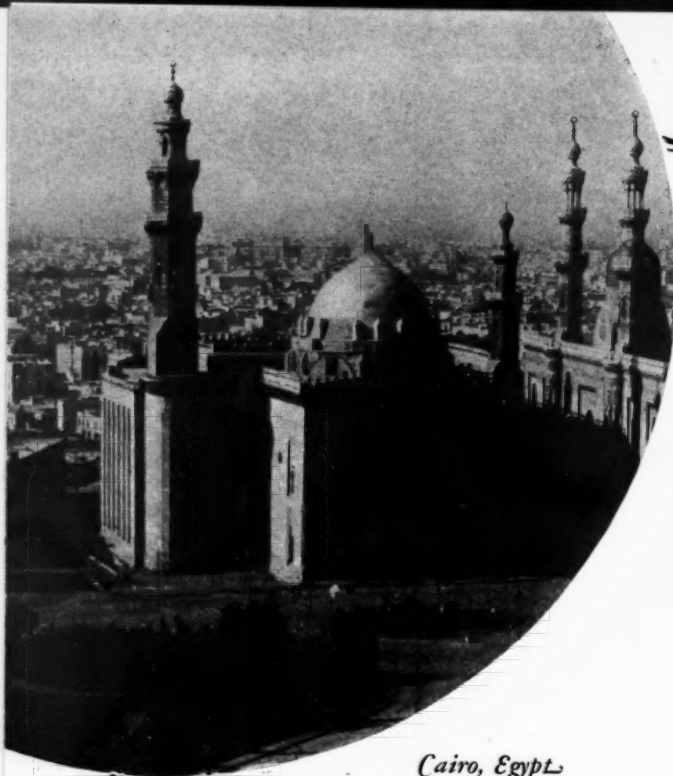
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THE LORD OF HOSTS IS HIS NAME

He That Formed The Mountains And Declares What Man's Thoughts Are

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Cairo, Egypt

A PANORAMA OF THE
CITY FROM THE CITADEL

"The Land of Egypt Shall Not Escape"

EGYPT, whose origin is lost in antiquity, has played a very active part in the history of nations around her throughout many centuries. With the two exceptions of the land of Palestine and the city of Jerusalem, the land of Egypt is mentioned more times in the Bible than any other country or city.

Prophetic students who have been conversant with what the prophets of the Bible have had to say about Egypt have been watching for the signs that would indicate Egypt is moving to fulfill her destiny — a destiny that will bring judgment and not deliverance upon the people. However, before this nation could fulfill the part she is destined to play in the closing scenes of the present age, it was essential that she gain her independence. After many centuries Egypt became an independent state when, on July 29, 1937, Farouk I was acclaimed king in Cairo and both there and in Alexandria the people went wild in their celebration of this important event. Now, fourteen years later, Egypt has abrogated her treaty with Great Britain and the time has come for her to enact the final role prophecy has assigned to her.

Her hatred of Great Britain is leading Egypt to make moves which will bring her into a closer relationship with Soviet Russia that will bode ill for her future well-being. It is no secret that for some years now the enemies of Great Britain have been stirring up trouble for the British Commonwealth in Egypt. While Great Britain expected that the Egyptian treaty would continue to protect her life-line through the Suez Canal,

prophecy has shown that Egypt would deal treacherously with Israel-Britain when the day came for London to rely upon cooperation from Cairo. Ezekiel describes Egypt as a reed-like crutch to the House of Israel and then he declares:

"Because you have been a staff of reed to the household of Israel — When they grasped you by the hand, you snapped, and tore all their hand; And when they leaned upon you, you broke, and made all their loins quake. Therefore, thus says the Lord God: Behold! I am bringing a sword upon you." (Ez. 29: 6-8, *Smith & Goodspeed Trans.*)

Giving an account of northern hordes moving south into the Middle East, Daniel concludes, "And the land of Egypt shall not escape." According to both Ezekiel and Isaiah the attitude of the Egyptians themselves will bring about the calamities that will overtake their nation as we approach the climax in world conflict. We are already witnessing acts by the people of Egypt and by their rulers which are laying the foundation for the fulfillment of predicted troubles which the prophets declare will be visited upon the land because of the lack of wisdom and understanding on the part of her rulers.

As these critical times continue, causing the leaders in Cairo to do foolish things, a signal of major importance is given to those who are watching world events, for it all indicates the rapidity with which an age is coming to its close in preparation for the new order of the ages which will be ushered in when righteousness is established throughout the earth.

THE POWER OF THOUGHT



MAN is prone to forget that the God who created the universe, "who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance," is concerned with the thoughts of men. His desire is that men will love and honor Him in their hearts and turn away from their evil contemplations. Thoughts are powerful, for when the plans and purposes upon which men meditate are put into action, they may result either in great good or much evil.

The creation of the earth itself, with its majestic mountains and verdant valleys and plains, its deep-flowing rivers, rippling brooks and great seas, was first conceived in the thought of God and then it became a physical reality. In creating man God endued him with a mind capable of the power of thought, thus placing in his hands the ability to reach great heights of ma-

terial and spiritual attainment or to sink into the depths of sin and depravity.

Science today has devised what is known as the lie detector, by which it can be made known whether a man speaks the truth or is telling a lie. But God needs no such device since the thoughts of all men are an open book to Him. This was illustrated when Samuel the Prophet went to anoint a son of David to be king. He saw Eliab, one of Jesse's sons, a fine-looking young man and outstanding in appearance. The prophet remarked, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before him." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (I Sam. 16: 7).

Through outward show men are often able to completely conceal their true desires and thoughts from their fellowmen. Often, in a time of emergency, or as the result of a sudden calamity, the veneer under which men have hidden their true desires is suddenly removed and others see them as they are. With God nothing is hidden; each individual stands before Him as he really is at all times. Amos the Prophet recognized that the thoughts of men are known to their Creator when he said, "For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The Lord, The God of hosts, is his name" (Amos 4: 13).

In a court of law men are very careful what they express in words before the judge, knowing that

their utterances will be used for or against them in judgment. But many who are careful to refrain from utterances that would bring condemnation upon them in an earthly court of law seem to forget that "the thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord" as they meditate upon things that invite Divine condemnation. Job expressed it well when he said, "I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee" (Job 42: 2).

Men must utter what they think in words in order to come under condemnation in a court of law, but God is sitting in judgment upon the thoughts of men, so David exclaimed, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Ps. 139: 23-24). He who rules his own spirit and brings his thoughts into subjection to the will of God through Jesus Christ His Son will pass the test of the Divine scrutiny, for his innermost thoughts will be acceptable to God and he himself will be living in the mountain top of spiritual experience.

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Ecc. 12: 13-14). In speaking of the Word of God as being quick and powerful and a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart, Paul declared: "Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do" (Heb. 4: 13).

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AS YOU READ DESTINY it will be helpful to bear in mind as a fundamental tenet that it identifies the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred peoples as the House of Israel in the world today. The key to understanding the national aspect of the Bible lies in the acceptance of this basic truth. That the ten-tribed Kingdom, or House, of Israel is distinct and separate from Jewry is a recognized fact. The *Jewish Chronicle* for May 2, 1879 stated, "The Scriptures speak of a future restoration of Israel, which is clearly to include both Judah and Ephraim. The problem, then, is reduced to its simplest form. The ten tribes are certainly in existence. All that has to be done is to discover which people represent them."

The information published in DESTINY provides the evidence showing that Israel left Palestine while the Jews remained. The movements of the Israel clans are traced out of the East, across Europe to their new settlement in the Isles of Britain, and then on to America. The prophets foretold Israel's westward trek and the monuments and traditions record the divinely-guided wanderings of this people who left "waymarks" behind them as they journeyed toward their ultimate destination. Today the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples alone bear all the marks by which the House of Israel was to be known in the latter days and they have unconsciously fulfilled in their history, and do fulfill in their present-day activities, what the Word of God declares would be accomplished by them in these latter times.

It is natural that, in the presentation of facts at first thought so startling, the immediate effect of proclaiming these new (yet not new) truths will bring opposition from some quarters where past beliefs are upset. But the evidence of racial movements throughout history, and the marks set forth by which the Israel of God was to be known in modern days, are so unmistakably clear that failure to seriously consider the evidence will jeopardize the future welfare of the Anglo-Saxon race. For if this people are the lineal descendents of the northern ten-tribed Kingdom of Israel — and they are — there has been placed upon them today a responsibility they cannot escape. The failure to awaken to the knowledge of their identity and assume their responsibility as the people with whom God made His unalterable covenant, and upon whom He laid His law, will bring upon them inevitable national suffering and trouble.

Were the opponents of the identity right, then there would, of course, be no such responsibility; but here again it is essential that the facts be made known. This DESTINY is doing. The people themselves constitute the court of

appeal and must render a decision as to whether the facts presented are correct or the objections raised are valid. It is also important to carefully consider that God Himself will pass final judgment in accordance with the verdict rendered by the people, bringing weal or woe upon the nations of Israel in days to come as the inevitable consequence of the course chosen and pursued.

Let those who are opposed to proclaiming the identity ponder well the fact that they too have a tremendous personal responsibility. When it is universally recognized that the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples are modern Israel, opponents of this truth who have succeeded in leading many astray, and hindered to that extent the national awakening and return to God in whole-hearted acknowledgment of His sovereignty and obedience to His laws, will discover that He will not hold them guiltless.

God is not a man that He should lie and He gave His promise that Israel (He did not say Judah) would never cease to be a nation before Him. He gave the continuity of the heavenly signs as a guarantee of this fact (Jer. 31:35-36). The *Jewish Chronicle* says, "Find this people" and DESTINY points to the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples in whose history the proph-

ecies of the Scriptures pertaining to the House of Israel are all being fulfilled today.

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The March of History...

King George VI

"The King is dead; God save the Queen!"

OUR SYMPATHY GOES OUT to the people of the British Commonwealth of Nations in the death of King George VI, for a courageous ruler and a fine man has passed away. King George came to the Throne in troublous times and he reigned for 15 years, or one prophetic hour. These 15 years have been perhaps the most trying period in the history of the British Commonwealth of Nations as they faced foes without and wrecking crews within. But in spite of the present seemingly hopeless situation, with its austerity and planned economy, the Throne in Great Britain is the Throne of David and there are glorious days ahead for both this Throne and the Empire.

The Duke of Windsor, as Edward VIII, renounced his right to the Throne and his brother George became King, ascending the Throne on December 11, 1936. Reckoning from that date to the time of his death, February 6, 1952, the duration of his reign was 5535 days. Mr. J. Bernard Nicklin writes that, expressed in Bible numerology, the days of his reign are marked with the insignia of Divine approval. As Mr. Nicklin points out, the number for the "sons of God" is 153 (John 21: 11) and for blessedness 1335 (Dan. 12: 12), while 3 is the number of Divine perfection and 10 of numerical perfection or completion. Thus:

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \times 1335 = 4005 \\ 10 \times 153 = 1530 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Period in days of the reign of George VI = 5535

According to the tables of descent published in *Judah's Sceptre and Joseph's Birthright*,* King George VI was the 153rd from Adam through the line of David. With the death of the King, Princess Elizabeth, at the age of 25, comes to the Throne as Queen Elizabeth II. The last time a Queen was at the head of the government of Great Britain was when Queen Victoria reigned. She was

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crowned Queen June 28, 1838 at the age of 19 and her reign was the longest in English history, lasting until 1901.

The fact that King George was the 153rd in line from Adam may be most significant, for we are reminded that there were 153 great fishes in the unbroken net and, when the disciples came to shore, the Lord was there with the 154th fish on the coals (John 21: 9).

Is Queen Elizabeth to assume the responsibilities of rulership during the interim between the death of her father and the coming of the Lord? One of Queen Victoria's great desires was to be in a position to deliver the Throne to her Lord at His coming. Will it now become the exalted privilege of Queen Elizabeth II, the great great granddaughter of Queen Victoria, to carry out this very task? It is certainly highly important that, as we enter the Third Watch of the night, and arrive at the beginning of the Midnight Hour, the death of King George VI has placed Elizabeth in a position to perform this function, for the coming of Him who is King of kings and Lord of lords is now at hand.

The Midnight Hour

ON JANUARY 22, 1952 THE CLOCK struck midnight, signalling the beginning of the Midnight Hour.

That hour will last for 96 days or until April 27, 1952. In a recent letter Mr. J. Bernard Nicklin called our attention to the fact that on January 22 Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden stressed the gravity of the financial and economic crisis in Britain and promised drastic and realistic measures, as he put it, "to bring back the old order." On the same day Exchequer Richard Austen Butler said, "This is no phony crisis. We face the risk of becoming bankrupt, idle and hungry."

That an economic crisis has been developing ever since the late spring of 1950 has been apparent to those who have given serious consideration to the over-all trends on the economic front. In *DESTINY* for May 1950 we said in part:

"Final judgment upon present world economic activities is clearly shown as becoming intense in 1950 A.D. But in so great a

crisis, the point of climax will undoubtedly cover a period of time. Therefore, as with the events following the Wall Street crash of 1929 A.D., whose reverberations continued through to 1931 A.D., we may expect many months to be consumed in the completion of the overthrow of the Babylonian economy. It may well be that the crisis time will occupy two years and extend to 1952 A.D., the terminal of 2520 years from the setting up of the image of gold on the plain of Dura."

Again, in *DESTINY* for June 1950 we said:

"What is being overlooked by economists is the diseased condition within the economic structure itself. It is like a devouring fire, consuming, but not replenishing, real wealth and destroying genuine treasure represented by free opportunity and enterprise. These internal weaknesses will continue to gnaw away within the economic framework until they bring about the collapse of the whole world economy. But until that consuming fire reaches certain proportions, the outward appearance in all business relations and in commerce will appear to be sound."

Because *DESTINY* took the stand that economic difficulties would begin in 1950, and because men were not immediately aware of this fact, there were those who questioned our position. However, in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* for November 22, 1951, under the title, "West Totters in Economic Crisis Abroad," Sylvia Porter said:

"The alliance of Western Europe is tottering. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the bloc of Western nations upon which we base much of our hope for defense and peace, is in real danger of collapse. If that awful event occurs, the reason will not be military; it will not be political; it will not be ideological. It will be economic. And if the alliance falls apart, the threat of Russian aggression will be greater than ever. There is nothing fanciful or hysterical about any of this. It is brutal, blunt fact."

"Once again, the cry of 'crisis' is being heard in the major cities of Western Europe — in London, Paris, Rome, Amsterdam. Once again, the evil of 'inflation' is undermining the already shaky economies of our friends, shattering the already slim confidence in their currencies, causing deep unrest and resentments. Remobilization provided the dynamite that set the inflation fires roaring after a pitifully short period of stability."

"They were just getting on their feet — with the help of our billions of gifts and loans — when Korea came. Britain, for instance, had muddled through the financial crises of 1946, 1947, 1949; after the devaluation of 1949, her currency had strengthened; she had begun to build respectable reserves of gold and dollars; her men and machines had started to turn out fair amounts of goods. In France, Italy, the Netherlands, the story was similar. But with remobilization placed on top of the job of rehabilitation and the redevelopment of world markets, the delicately-balanced economies began to cave in."

"The process actually got under way in mid-1950, but it didn't become apparent until this past summer. If the crisis continues intensifying at the present pace, France and Britain could go bankrupt before spring."

The statement that the process got under way in 1950 is most interesting in the light of the facts set forth in *DESTINY*. The reference to the possibility of Great Britain facing bankruptcy is also enlightening in the face of the statements made by Messrs. Eden and Butler on January 22 of this year. We are moving on at express train speed to the greatest financial and economic debacle the world has ever experienced and few will be aware of it until they are overwhelmed by its impact. This is the story the prophets tell and chronology designates that the time has now arrived when we may expect such a judgment to overtake the mammon of unrighteousness.

Fearful and Unbelieving

In *The Sunday School Times* for January 19, 1952 there is a reference to the possibility of the Lord's soon return. Then, to prevent its readers from really watching, the following statement was made: "The Lord Jesus warned His disciples not to set dates." Thereupon they cited the passage: "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (Matt. 24: 36).

As pointed out in *Day of Decision*, this passage is used by Christians to justify themselves for their lack of understanding of the times and seasons and as an excuse by Christian leaders for ignoring the marvelous chronological revelations God is allowing to be released during these critical days for the instruction of the wise.

"When Jesus was speaking the day and hour had not been made known, for He had not yet completed His work and the sacrifice that would make that revelation possible. Jesus' statement was perfectly true when He said it as a part of His private conversation with His disciples, but the sentence should be read as a whole and care should be taken not to misapply His words and make them say more than Jesus meant to convey at the time. It was not until after His crucifixion and resurrection, and His ascension into heaven, that John saw Him as the Lamb who had overcome all things and was able to take the book in the hand of the Father and break the seals, revealing coming events in their detail. It should not be overlooked that the opening verse of the Apocalypse states that it is:

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass." (Rev. 1: 1.)" (*Day of Decision*, * p. 52.)

For fear that some may successfully apply the chronological evidence focusing upon the times and seasons of His Second Advent, *The Sunday School Times* attempts to caution its readers that Jesus forbade them to establish dates. Actually He did no such thing, for He Himself states that His return is associated with the Second and Third Watches of the night (see Luke 12: 37-38).

"The season is known — in the second or third watch — but there are six hours in these two watches and the hour itself is not yet known." (*Day of Decision*, p. 54.)

A study of the times and seasons has revealed the chronology of the watches of the night, showing that each hour in each watch is 96 days in length. Having thus established the beginning and ending of the watches of the night, we are, contrary to the opinion of *The Sunday School Times*, able to define dates encompassing the timing of His coming.

One of the definitions of "to date" is "to reckon chronologically." Any individual or publication who declares it is wrong to do this condemns the prophets, for Daniel, as well as other prophets, was instructed to use time periods for such purposes. And it is also well to remember that Jesus did not repudiate Daniel; rather He confirmed his prophecies and he was called "greatly beloved." Through revelations given to John on the Isle of Patmos, Jesus added further chronological time periods for His followers to study.

The question naturally arises as to why there is such a spirit of fearfulness among many when time periods of major prophetic importance are mentioned. Is it the fear of ridicule that may be directed against them by the unbelieving world and fear of what others will say? Many Christians, right along with unbelievers, point to the incep-

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tion of the Advent Movement in 1844 and disparage and belittle those who at that time expected the Lord's coming.

What we cannot understand is the blindness of Christians to the fact that William Miller did exactly what God intended that he should do, and for which God blessed him, for in the Divine plan there was to be a premature proclamation of the return of Jesus Christ. God saw to it that men and women of sufficient courage were raised up to carry out this assignment even though it brought derision upon them (see *Day of Decision*, page 65). What the world at large, and many Christians as well, thought to be a failure was in itself an event of major importance, establishing the beginning of a chronological time period from which to reckon the Lord's Second Coming.

Prejudice born of the fear of being scorned prevents *The Sunday School Times* and many Christians today from making chronological calculations that would definitely establish for them the time of His Second Advent. If it was right to calculate the time of His First Coming — which it is admitted the Pharisees should have done — how can it be wrong to do the very same thing now with reference to His Second Coming? Where is it actually forbidden? If it was right for Daniel, as he was nearing the end of the 70 years of Babylonian captivity, to calculate time periods so that he might establish the timing of the fulfillment of prophecy, who can gainsay the fact that it is equally mandatory for Christians to do the same thing now as we near the end of the age so that the timing of the coming of Him who is to establish righteousness may be known?

We are not in darkness so that the Day will overtake us unaware, for, having already established the chronological duration of the watches of the night, the watchers are in possession of evidence that enables them to live in a spirit of genuine expectancy. If the Christian world were only aware of this, it would make a great deal of difference in their attitude toward spiritual things. The present spirit of indifference among them would give way to that of keen anticipation and Christian leaders would be giving meat in due season to their followers.

But unfortunately the spirit of fearfulness is preventing them from recognizing the marvelous revelations God is allowing to be made known to those who, through faith, are receptive to the chronological evidence that is making them watchmen in Israel today who are able to declare the events of the hours of the night as we move from one watch to another. The Second Watch is now past and, having entered the Third Watch of the night, the cry, "Behold the bridegroom cometh," will be heard in ever-increasing volume.

Atheists in the Pulpit

EVANGELIST BILLY GRAHAM proclaimed the Gospel of personal salvation in the capital of the United States for several weeks and from all reports the reception was excellent. The message of the Gospel of salvation is going out at this time with renewed vigor — a last call as it were to men and women to become personally right with God through His Son Jesus Christ so that they may be prepared to meet Him at His soon coming. And that coming is very near, for He is even now standing at the door. The Billy Graham campaigns have given emphasis to the present need to

accept Jesus Christ as personal Saviour before it becomes too late.

It is of interest to examine the reaction of certain ministers to the proclamation of the Gospel in these evangelistic campaigns. According to news reports many Washington ministers ignored the Billy Graham campaign in their city. Dr. A. Powell Davies and the Rev. Ross Allen Weston, both Unitarians, spoke out against evangelism. Dr. Davies said:

"The old-time religion is out-dated by modern science and psychology. Its assertions were always based on ignorance, even ignorance of the true nature of the Bible. Preachers of the old-time religion are trained but not educated. They have no genuine study of religion. Even the Bible, upon which they rely so heavily, is not the real Bible, known to scholars, but the Bible upon which they have imposed their own phantasy."

Rev. Weston said:

"Many people are still living in the religious dark ages, or else Graham would go begging for an audience. The willingness of the churches and clergy of the Washington area to cooperate in his campaign, to fatten on his publicity, indicates the low ebb of religion in our time.

Openly avowed atheists could not have been more outspoken in their opposition to the teachings of Jesus Christ and each individual's personal need to accept the atonement He wrought for them on Calvary, for that is the old fashioned Gospel Billy Graham preaches. He is proclaiming the sincere milk of the Word of the Lord and thousands of people who have been asking for bread and receiving a stone from modernist ministers are now earnestly seeking God, hungry and starving spiritually for His Word.

God is evidently giving His people a final opportunity to turn from their evil ways, raising up Billy Graham and others to proclaim the way of salvation, and that message is going out in power just before He comes. It was the "old-time religion" that sustained the martyrs in their trials and it is the only religion that will sustain men today.

Unknown to both Dr. Davies and Mr. Weston there is a scholarship that upholds the inspiration, authenticity and accuracy of the Scriptures which is so far above their conception of what constitutes religious education that a comparison would be like trying to make Heaven and hell equal. Dr. Davies calls those ignorant who accept the Bible as it is, completely unaware that he himself is grossly ignorant of the marvelous numerical structure of the Book mathematically demonstrating its inspiration. This was briefly outlined in the article titled "Sealed With Seven Seals" by Rev. St. Quintin Acomb in *DESTINY* for December 1951. Mr. Weston is himself living in a dark age of unbelief, having no comprehension of the glorious light prophecy is shedding upon our day, timing events upon a Divine schedule that is a miracle of precision. His boasted scholarship is the height of folly in the face of all the known facts.

The claim of these pulpit atheists to scholarship was fully exploded in "The Crumbling Wall of Untempered Mortar" and "The Light That Is Darkness," both chapters in *Documentary Studies*, Vol. II, pages 199 and 221.*

All preachers and every theologian, whatever their de-

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gree, who discount the Bible and in so doing set themselves up as the criterion of scholarship, are actually classifying themselves with those of whom Job was speaking when he said in sarcasm, "No doubt but ye are the people, and wisdom shall die with you" (Job 12: 2).

When the Lord moves to shake terribly the earth in the day of His wrath these foolish preachers will know, in the day of their great fear, the utter bankruptcy of their boasted scholarship. But those who have become right with God through His Son Jesus Christ as the result of accepting the atonement made for the remission of sins will rejoice in the day of His power.

Kremlin Mousetrap

IN DESTINY FOR September 1948 we pointed out possible Russian strategy and said in part:

"Another related matter comes to mind. Is it possible that the present seemingly disruptive situation involving Tito in Yugoslavia is a very clever ruse for the purpose of deceiving the Western World? The oriental mind abounds in such methods of deception. Whether planned or not, it has certainly accomplished a most effective bulwark on the Russian flank, for an ostensibly neutral Tito would enable the Kremlin to move into the Middle East without fear of a flank attack through Yugoslavia. It is not at all beyond possibility that the timing and publicizing of the supposed difficulties between Tito and the Kremlin have been astutely planned for the very purpose."

In DESTINY for October 1951 we referred to the Tito type of Communist nationalism, stating that, whether it be Communism of the Stalin or Tito brand, either one would bring enslavement to the peoples of the world. Then we said:

"The present build-up of Tito by our State Department is most disquieting in the light of these revelations, for the murderer of Mikhailovich, who was responsible for shooting down unarmed U. S. transport planes in 1945, and who has also been destroying freedom of education and religion in Yugoslavia, is far from a safe ally under any circumstances."

A feature article in the *New York World-Telegram and The Sun* for January 25, 1952 is headed "Soviet-Tito Rift May Be a Phony to Ensnare U.S." The subtitle reads "Uncle Sam Could Be Blundering Right Into a Kremlin Mousetrap." DESTINY has believed this to be true from the inception of the supposed break between Tito and Stalin. The feature article stated in part:

"By accepting on face value the Stalin-Tito 'feud,' the United States may be walking into a trap in Yugoslavia. . . . A full quarter of a century ago Stalin planned a 'split' between a Communist Yugoslavian regime and the Soviet bloc. It happened just as he planned it.

"Stalin foresaw World War II in Europe and correctly estimated that it would bring Communism to power in Yugoslavia. He planned for Yugoslavia to 'secede' from the Soviet bloc — to gain 'national territorial autonomy' — in the wake of that war. As audacious and cunning as any subterfuge ever devised by the Kremlin's malignant genius, Stalin's program for Yugoslavia — as originally conceived — throws new light on the Stalin-Tito rift.

"The plan is found in Stalin's book *Marxism and the National and Colonial Question* (unexpurgated), providing important clues that bear on the true nature of the feud and its possible usefulness to the Soviet Union. This book is today the bible and blueprint of Soviet foreign policy, but it is little known in the United States outside of Communist circles.

"Published in 1927, the book shows that Stalin drafted his Yugoslavian 'secession' program two years earlier and called upon the Communist party of Yugoslavia to adopt it officially. Neither Yugoslavia nor the international Communist movement has ever renounced it."

The Anglo-Saxon world would save themselves a great deal of future grief by recognizing that only the Israel Commonwealth of nations and kindred peoples can work together in close harmony in the interests of peace. Tito's nation has no inheritance with these Kingdom nations and, because our national leaders refuse to recognize this fact, they have deliberately walked into a trap set by the Kremlin. The Law of the Lord declares, "Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods," an injunction which is being completely ignored by Washington to our own discomfiture.

An Abortive Call

IT WAS NOT UNTIL 12 minutes after midnight in 1911 A.D. that World War I broke out, as pointed out in

"Speakest Thou Unto Us Or Even To All?" (this issue). That war was the result of an endeavor on the part of Germany, the last representative of the Babylonian Succession of Empires, to gain world control through military might. It was an endeavor on the part of Babylon the Great to take over world rule.

Twelve minutes after midnight, January 22, 1952 on the shorter scale, was February 10-11, 1952. On February 10 the Pope launched a spiritual crusade, with Rome designated as the origin of the call for a "great return," the Pope making it clear that he envisioned a world-wide movement. He said that he hoped this "mighty awakening" would be immediately taken up in other dioceses so that not only cities but nations and continents, and the entire human race, would "return to Christ."

The call was issued to those whom the Pope designated as fast asleep, stating:

"This reawakening is a duty for everyone without exception — clergy and people, those in authority, families, groups, individuals — along the entire front of the complete renewal of Christian life, along the lines of defense of moral values, in the realization of social justice, in the reconstruction of the Christian order, in such a way that the outward face of the city of Rome, which since the apostolic times has been the center of the church, may soon shine forth brilliant with holiness and beauty."

Adoration is paid to Mary, the Pope stating:

"We have no doubt but that she, who at all times was ever ready to extend a protective hand over her people of Rome, will, in these days, make felt her maternal protection for these sons, who showed such affectionate devotion during her recent glorification and whose loud hosannas still resound in this sky of Rome."

It is most significant that, on the eve of the issuing of the midnight cry, "Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him!", the Pope should endeavor to arouse the sleepers and focus their attention upon Rome as the city they should adore. A spiritual drive began with this proclamation by the Pope just as sanguinary as the armed conflict that started with World War I. In 1914 it was on the physical plane, with men dying upon the field of military battle; today it is in the realm of the spirit, but the casualties will, nevertheless, be just as real.

Soon the midnight cry will be heard that will arouse

the sleeping virgins. Then, for those who are not ready, "the justifiable fear of the terrible future," which the Pope so vividly portrayed in his proclamation, will become a reality.

The line has been drawn and the conflict is on between the apostate Church and the true Witnesses who, in the power of the Spirit, are even now preparing to give their final testimony. The crusade the Pope is endeavoring to invoke will not materialize in the way he has envisioned it, for every ecclesiastical hierarchy and all religious potentates are rapidly moving toward the day when, in the brightness of His Coming, their works will be made manifest and evil doctrines and idolatrous worship of every sort will be destroyed.

The Shortened Generation

IN DEVELOPING the chronological findings as published in "Speakest Thou Unto Us Or Even To All?" (this issue), correspondence of special interest was exchanged with Mr. J. Bernard Nicklin of England. We are publishing his letter of February 11th here as his summary of the conditions determining the chronology of the end should be made available to every earnest Bible student. The letter is as follows:

Dear Mr. Rand:

The "minute" scale is really most remarkable! Such synchronization cannot possibly be coincidence! And it all appears precisely to dovetail into the Great Pyramid and the Bible. It is an amazing discovery. Conditions laid down now all appear to be complied with for determining the chronology of the end, viz.:

1) The liberation and occupation of Jerusalem, December 9-11, 1917, marked the end of the "Times of the Gentiles" — the 2520 years from the first of Nebuchadnezzar.

2) The commencement of World War I, during the crisis period June 28-August 4, 1914, when "nation rose against nation and kingdom against kingdom," marked the beginning of the final epoch of trouble — "travail."

3) All would be fulfilled within a "generation" — a period of 40 years; or, shortened "for the elect's sake," which, if the Exodus period is to be taken as a pattern, represents approximately 38 years.

4) The 1260, 1290 and 1335 days of Daniel 12 are fitting into the pattern.

5) As also are the "day" and "hour" of Revelation 18: 8, 10 & 19.

6) The "Four Watches" and "Midnight Hour" referred to by our Lord are defined.

7) The terminal of this closing epoch is August 20, 1953, the South Wall of the King's Chamber.

8) A final period of 2300 days, and even more important 2304 days — "Mornings and Evenings" — with its final four "watches" marked as commencing at the outbreak of the Korean War, June 25, 1950, "Midnight" as January 22, 1952, and the "Fourth Watch" ending August 20, 1953, interlocks with Great Pyramid and year-day periods.

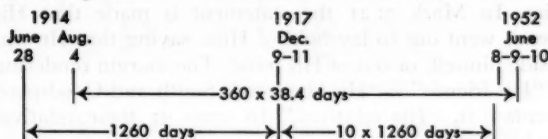
Until your latest discovery, we had thought of the "day" and "hour" for "Great Babylon's" plagues and destruction as a year and its 24th part, viz., fifteen days. Now you show a greater "day" of 38.4 days, 360 of which comprise a "generation" of 38.4 years (prophetic).

A year-day represents:

$$360 \times \frac{2304}{60} = 13,824 \text{ days}$$

which, starting from August 4, 1914, will end June 9, 1952. 11 x 1260 days from the assassination of the Archduke; and 10 x 1260

days from Jerusalem's deliverance will end at the same time:

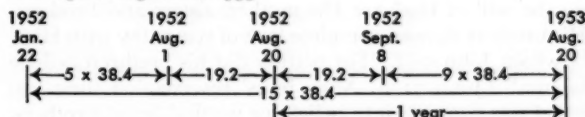


Here we see the shortened "generation" of 38.4 prophetic years representing a year-day!

The "hour" of "Babylon's" judgment evidently comes at the end of this "day," but exactly how it is to fit into the Divine timetable we are not told. You show it (and it seems rightly so) to commence January 22, 1952, from which date:

$$15 \times \frac{2304}{60} = 576 \text{ days}$$

will expire August 20, 1953:



That "Babylon's" judgment is to come, or begin, in July, August or September appears likely from the day-periods as per Part III of my article submitted *; and, if our interpretation is correct, this will involve the Roman Church and World Economic System. August 20th will see an eclipse of the sun, and August seems to be a most marked month.

January 22, 1952-August 20, 1953 covers the Third and Fourth Watches and no indication is given us when the Lord will come, but presumably it will be after the judgment on Babylon, or do you think it may be before? I am most grateful to you for sending me particulars of this your latest discovery, which to me seems to fill in what was lacking.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely,

J. B. Nicklin

Jesus' Brothers and Sisters

DID JESUS CHRIST have any brothers and sisters? This is a question often asked and some have assumed that, because Mary was the mother of our Lord, He was her only child. This view, however, is contrary to the known facts as taught in the Bible. According to Matthew 13: 55 our Lord had four brothers, or half-brothers, for Mary was their mother and Joseph their father. The four are James, Josés, Simon and Judas. He had at least three sisters:

"And his sisters, are they not all with us?" (Matt. 13: 56.)

If there had been but two sisters, the word would have been *both*, not *all*. It is also important that Matthew 1: 25 and Luke 2: 7 declare that Jesus Christ was Mary's *firstborn*, thus inferring that Mary had other children. The Greek word *prototokos* is translated "firstborn" in these and similar references to the firstborn. Had Jesus been Mary's only son, the word *monogenes* would have been used which means the "only begotten."

Psalms 69 has many predictive references to our Lord's earthly life and verse 8 states:

"I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children."

The Gospel history records that our Lord's brethren, with His mother, went down to Capernaum with Him and

* See "The Time Schedule of the Divine Program," Part III, in *DESTINY* for April 1952.

His disciples (John 2: 12). Later His family turned against Him. In Mark 3: 21 the statement is made that His friends went out to lay hold of Him, saying that He was beside himself, or out of His mind. The margin rendering of "His friends" is "His kinsmen." Smith and Goodspeed translate it, "His relatives." In verse 31 these relatives are identified:

"And his mother and his brothers came. And they stood outside the house and sent word in to him to come outside to them. There was a crowd sitting around him when they told him, 'Your mother and your brothers are outside asking for you.'" (Mark 3: 31-32, *Smith & Goodspeed Trans.*)

Jesus gave His famous answer so often quoted when He asked, "Who is my mother and my brothers?" Then, looking at the people around Him, He said that those who do the will of God are His mother, sisters and brothers. His brothers showed complete lack of sympathy with Him, of whom John said, "For neither did his brethren believe in him" (John 7: 5). After Jesus' resurrection their unbelief was changed into belief, for we find Jesus' brothers, with Mary His mother, in the upper chamber with His disciples (Acts 1: 14).

In a footnote in *The Companion Bible* the following is stated:

"The natural meaning of the term 'His brethren,' in the Scripture record, would never have been challenged, but for the desire, when corruption crept into the churches, of raising Mary from the position of 'handmaid of the Lord' (Luke 1: 38) to the exalted one of *Theotokos*, mother of God, whence it was an easy step to investing her with divine honors, as being herself a goddess. And thus the way was cleared for identifying her with the great goddess of Paganism, who is the mother of a divine son, and who is yet a virgin, a deity best known by the appellation she bore in Egypt, Isis, the mother of Horus. So it was put forth that Mary had no children other than the Lord."

Thus we find that the traditions of men and the doctrines of the Church take precedence over the plain teachings of the Scriptures.

Political Fiddling IT IS SAID THAT Nero played a fiddle while Rome burned and history condemns him as indifferent to the fate of the city and the welfare of his people. What will history record of the present political fiddling of politicians as our nation faces the greatest crisis in its history?

We are fighting a conflict in Asia without hope of victory; we are facing economic troubles of such major proportions that it could mean the end of prosperity for all our people. Communists and fellow travelers are occupying important positions in government, even as advisors to the President, and are revealed as having been responsible for many of our disastrous governmental policies. Efforts to bring this situation to light and remove such men from places of influence have been met by strong resistance.

In the face of all this President Truman stated at a press conference Thursday, January 24, 1952, that his job was exceedingly strenuous. Then he denied that he was tired and commented that "politics is such an interesting game. It beats football, baseball, basketball and any other sport."

Unfortunately politicians have made sport of our government, many of them being motivated by covetousness

as they use their positions for purposes of financial gain. The science of government under the management of self-seeking politicians has degenerated into a contest, not as to what is right or wrong or for the good or ill of our nation, but rather to gain office so that they may reap the benefits of power and divide the spoil among their friends. The public pays to see a game of sport and, when politicians make sport of the government, the public still pays, but in the latter case they pay in excess taxation to support corruption as the politicians prey upon the public.

President Truman spoke as a boss of a political ward would speak when he remarked that the Primaries are only "eye-wash." It is because of such an attitude on the part of politicians that loyalty to party is placed above loyalty to our great nation and to the preservation of its institutions. The Primaries are eye-wash to the politician who makes maneuvers behind the scenes that frustrate the will of the people and who makes promises of political pay-offs in the interest of perpetuating party control and keeping in office the boys who have loyally supported the political machine.

Men of this caliber have forfeited the right to be continued in office, for they have completely lost sight of the purpose of government so clearly defined in the Preamble to our Constitution:

"We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution of the United States of America."

As stated in *Digest of the Divine Law* *

"It is impossible to establish justice unless those entrusted with the enforcement of law are just. It is impossible to have domestic tranquility unless there be equitable taxation (which is not confiscation of property) and unless there is the proper distribution of the right to labor and possess wealth under a system of economics which will eliminate destitution and want; otherwise there will always be fear and an apprehension of the future. Certainly the general welfare cannot be promoted if one group of citizens is penalized in favor of another and more favored group. Thus the functioning of a righteous government is fundamentally administrative; that is, laws must be administered that are just to all, from the humblest to the greatest of all our citizens." (p. 119.)

Those who play politics as a game must be retired from public office so that righteous men may be elected in their places whose first consideration will be the welfare of the nation. Until this becomes so we can expect nothing but increased trouble, for the control of government by unrighteous men breeds only injustice and oppression.

Road to Bankruptcy

IT IS NOT DIFFICULT to envision the outcome as taxes continue to increase, wages rise and the cost of living goes up. The ultimate end of the road should be clear to every student of history. Because Paul Harvey set forth the situation so succinctly in his radio address of November 11, 1951, we are quoting from his remarks:

"I have discovered a sure-fire formula for sleep. You take a warm bath, stretch out on your you-know-what kind of mattress,

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"Speakest Thou Unto Us or Even to All?"

By HOWARD B. RAND

IN SUCH A TIME AS THIS, when it is considered almost a capital offense to refer to class distinctions, the greatest of all books, the Bible, continues to emphasize the fact that there are definite classes of individuals, some of whom are privileged above all others to have special knowledge and revelation. Basically there will always be a classification of individuals in the world so long as men are free to diligently apply themselves to study and work and are unhampered in their research and labors. The industrious will attain a high degree of achievement, while the indolent will never be able to reach equal standing and position.

This is no less true in spiritual matters. Far too many Christians assume that, once they have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, their position and rewards are established on the same footing with all other Christians. It is true that there is equality of salvation for all, but each individual has the prerogative of going on from there to make for himself a place in the Kingdom of God according to his ability. As the writer of the Book of Hebrews expresses it in discussing the "things that accompany salvation":

"Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection." (Heb. 6: 1.)

Smith and Goodspeed translate this:

"Let us therefore leave elementary Christian teaching alone and advance toward maturity."

Divine Selection

It is difficult for many Christians to properly evaluate the fact that God does call certain ones while others are not called. God called Abraham, whose descendants in generations to come were to be selected for a specific part in His plan. Thus, the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples, the descendants of Abraham, were set apart for special tasks under His direction. Many stumble at this truth, protesting that it means favoritism by God.

However, much later Jesus called certain men to become His disciples and follow Him. Was this favoritism? Or was He also selecting men for a special task that He wished them to perform? We know that the second question answers the first, and that it was through these men, chosen because the Lord saw them as those to whom He could entrust the work He wanted done, that we in these latter days have received the Gospel. Thus, there is a Divine selection taking place as the Lord chooses for special tasks those whose spiritual proclivities qualify them to serve.

Because these distinctions exist, we find that the Lord directs specific messages to different groups among His followers and only those spiritually attuned to receive such instructions comprehend their full meaning. Even the simplest message directed to all of His followers is meaning-

less to men of the world for, having no spiritual perception whatever, His words are so much foolishness to them. When our Lord's disciples asked Him why He spoke to the people in parables He replied:

"Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given." (Matt. 13: 11.)

Just so it is not given to every Christian to know the whole purpose pertaining to the Kingdom of God today, for many refuse to grow in knowledge and understanding as they neglect the study of His Word and refuse to heed its admonitions. It is impossible for the Spirit of the Lord to lead these foolish ones into a full realization of the meaning of things to come.

Good and Evil Servants

Therefore, our Lord places His followers in different classifications. He divides them first into two general groups: good servants and evil servants. Jesus spoke on more than one occasion of the qualifications of those He called servants.* He said one day to His disciples in the presence of a great multitude of people who had gathered to listen to Him:

"Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not." (Luke 12: 37-40.)

Peter was not certain to whom Jesus was referring in this and prior statements, so he asked His Lord a question:

"Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all?" (Luke 12: 41.)

Jesus responded with another parable and here it should be clear to all that He is classifying those who have known Him:

"Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. But and if that servant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the

* See "Thy Kingdom Come; Thy Will Be Done," DESTINY for June 1951, pp. 199-203.

unbelievers. And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more." (Luke 12: 42-48.)

There are four types of servant, or steward, depicted here:

- 1) "Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing [*i.e.*, giving them their portion of meat in due season]."
- 2) "That servant [who says] in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken."
- 3) "That servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will."
- 4) "He that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes."

Self-Condernation

The admonition to "watch" is not addressed to all; it is a command directed to His faithful and watching servants alone. This is the inference one must draw from these two parables, the last in answer to Peter's query. Also, the warning is given to those who are alert that they are to so conduct themselves that they will be ready for His sudden appearing "as a thief" coming in the night. The attitude of His followers toward this admonition will qualify or disqualify them to be numbered in the particular class the attainment of which will bring them special blessings. Everyone who has paid the slightest heed to the words of our Lord as recorded in the New Testament knows this to be a fact.

Christian leaders who are neglecting the import of that warning are in the class "which knew his will, and prepared not themselves, neither did according to his will." Therefore, they will come under condemnation. "Prepared not themselves" is an expression that poses the question concerning the extent to which Christians and Christian leaders are responsible who neglect opportunities to become fully informed. Will they be charged with willful unpreparedness for their lack of knowledge when they have deliberately refused to investigate the facts, particularly so when that information has been called directly to their attention? It is certain that ecclesiastical leaders who purport to be the spiritual instructors of the people, claiming to possess the light and knowledge essential as a teacher in Israel, cannot escape condemnation, for they have passed judgment upon themselves by claiming to qualify as the instructors of others. They must be classified with the Pharisees of whom Jesus said, because they were blind to the truth, yet assumed themselves to be capable of teaching the people in all spiritual matters:

"If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth." (John 9: 41.)

An Alert

Jesus metaphorically refers to His coming as a thief in the Second or Third Watch of the night and He emphasizes the suddenness of His appearing. Significantly, we find this same warning of His coming as a thief given as a prophecy

to be fulfilled among the events bringing the Sixth Vial to its close (Rev. 16: 12-16). John gives the account of the gathering of the "kings" from all parts of the world in preparation (although not to their knowledge) for the Battle of that Great Day of God Almighty. Just before the gathering is completed; that is, before the nations are fully assembled for battle, and while they are moving toward the place "called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon," the narrator breaks into the account with a parenthetical alert right in the midst of recording the process of the mustering of the armies of the nations for the coming Battle of the Great Day of the Lord:

"See, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is he who keeps awake, and keeps hold of his clothes, so that he will not have to go naked and be put to shame." (Rev. 16: 15, *Smith & Goodspeed Trans.*)

The translation by Ferrar Fenton could not be more specific:

"See! I approach like a thief. Happy the watcher who clings to his clothing, so that he may not walk naked, and they should see his shame."

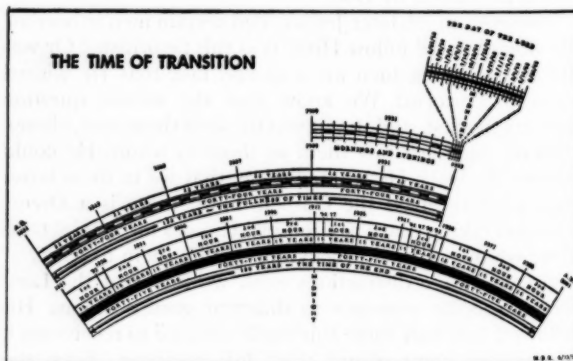
These directions are given for the benefit of the watchers and the garments they are admonished to retain are their robes of righteousness. But what makes this warning so significant is its timing in relation to the movements of the nations to the place of gathering. A keen scrutiny of current world developments clearly signifies that this gathering of the heathen for the Battle of that Great Day is very nearly complete. This being so, the warning of His approach as a thief should be a signal fraught with the most serious implications confronting Christian men and women at this very moment.

It is important to note that this alert is given before the events of the Sixth Vial are all fulfilled, but so near to the end of this vial that the interrupted statement ends with the announcement of the completion of the mustering of the nations for battle. This Sixth Vial, as well as the Sixth Trumpet or Second Woe of Revelation 11, does not end until the coming as a thief is an accomplished reality.

Seventh Vial and Seventh Trumpet

Both the Seventh Vial and the Third Woe, which is also the Seventh Trumpet, depict a period of turmoil and violence, for during this time the judgments of God will be poured out upon the earth. The events of the Seventh Vial are described as follows:

"Then there were flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of



See *Day of Decision*, Chapter V, for a full description of this Chart

thunder, and there was a great earthquake; there has never been such an earthquake since man first existed upon the earth, it was so great. The great city broke into three pieces, the cities of the heathen fell, and God remembered to give mighty Babylon the cup of the wine of his fierce anger." (Rev. 16: 18-19, *Smith & Goodspeed Trans.*)

The Seventh Trumpet, or Third Woe, depicts the day when the heathen are enraged and God's anger is made manifest. It is to be the time when the dead are to be judged and the rewards given to His servants the prophets and to all who have revered His Name. It is very evident to the watchmen that the events described in both the Seventh Vial and Seventh Trumpet, or Third Woe, are even now casting their shadows before them.

The Acceptable Year

Let us turn back a moment to a scene in Nazareth nearly 2000 years ago. Jesus had been in the wilderness for forty days tempted of Satan. Following those days of temptation He returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee and His fame went out as He taught the people in their synagogues. He then came to Nazareth where He had been brought up and, as was His custom, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath Day. He stood up to read and the Book of Isaiah was handed to Him. From it He read:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." (Luke 4: 18-19.)

Following the reading of this portion of Isaiah, Jesus closed the book and sat down. All eyes were fastened upon Him and He began to say to the people:

"This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." (Luke 4: 21.)

As pointed out in "The Acceptable Year of the Lord," *Documentary Studies*, Vol. II, page 485,* and in "Three Visitations and a Year of Grace," *DESTINY* for August 1950, our Lord's ministry occupied a little more than one year from the time the Holy Spirit descended upon Him like a dove, when He was baptized by John, to the day of His crucifixion. It was indeed the acceptable year of the Lord.

But Jesus stopped reading in the Book of Isaiah before He had completed the sentence, for, following the statement, "the acceptable year of the Lord," are the words, "and the day of vengeance of our God." That Day of Vengeance is to be followed, according to Isaiah, by the complete restoration of the righteousness of the Kingdom of God (Isa. 61: 3-11).

The Day of Vengeance

The dispensation of the Gospel of Grace has intervened between the close of the acceptable year of the Lord and the beginning of the Day of Vengeance. Nearly 2000 years have been devoted to the proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world. The Day of Vengeance could not come until this work had been accomplished.

A study of all that the prophets have to say about the Day of the Lord clearly demonstrates that it is the day of His vengeance when He will move to destroy evil from the earth. Jeremiah associates the complete overthrow of Babylon with that day and declares:

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"Babylon hath been a golden cup in the Lord's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad." (Jer. 51: 7.)

In Revelation 17: 4 the woman upon whose forehead was a name written, "Mystery, Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth," is depicted as having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations. Today the nations are truly mad, having drunk to the dregs of the evil contents of the golden cup, so Jeremiah warns men to flee from the midst of Babylon so that their souls may be delivered, "for this is the time of the Lord's vengeance." This pronouncement of judgment upon Babylon was prophetic, not only of the destruction of literal Babylon, but of symbolic Babylon as well, which is represented by the political, military economic and ecclesiastical aspects of the present world order. The entire system is coming to judgment at the end of this age, during the events of the Great and Terrible Day of the Lord. This Day of the Lord is the Day of Vengeance which Jesus could not proclaim at the time He read the Scriptures in Nazareth since many centuries must intervene before that Day would come. But that Day has now come. The clock has struck midnight of that Day and, as we move through the minutes of this Midnight Hour, it is urgent that we pay careful attention to the chronological evidence clearly demonstrating the need for watchfulness.

The Shortened Time

Because the day of His vengeance is at hand, His coming as a thief draws near. Let us therefore tabulate some of the chronological indications which demonstrate the certainty of these conclusions. In Chapter V of the book, *Day of Decision*,* titled "Those Days Shall Be Shortened" (pp. 75-89), it is shown how the time is actually shortened for the elect's sake. The accompanying chart, "The Time of Transition" (p. 74), is reproduced here for ready reference, but a rereading of that chapter, in fact, of the entire book, will greatly assist toward a clearer understanding of the additional evidence now being presented, confirming the fact that the time is indeed shortened *for the elect's sake*.

Two Midnights

The Night of the Ages has been shown as beginning in 1821 A.D., a date which was 6000 lunar years after the fall of Adam. This long night, called "the Time of the End," covers a period of 180 years, ending with the close of 6000 solar years in 2001 A.D., at which time mankind's period of probation will come to an end. The central date of this period was 1911 A.D., the Midnight of the Time of the End and the beginning of the greater Midnight Hour. This Midnight Hour was 15 years in duration, extending from 1911 to 1926 A.D.

During this period World War I was fought, the commencement of which conflict raised the threefold cry: "Is this Armageddon?" "Is it the end of the world?" "Does it mean that the second coming of the Lord is at hand?" During this hour Jerusalem was set free from Gentile domination in preparation for its ultimate liberation and restoration to the Israel of God. It was a momentous hour in the history of the world, for peace was then taken from the earth. Tyrants arose to afflict the nations and enslave many of the earth's inhabitants during the 60 minutes of

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its duration, for Bolshevism arose in Russia and dictators came to power in Europe.

At the same time, as the hour ended in 1926, the Imperial Conference in Great Britain adopted the plan for the reorganization of the British Empire as the British Commonwealth of Nations.

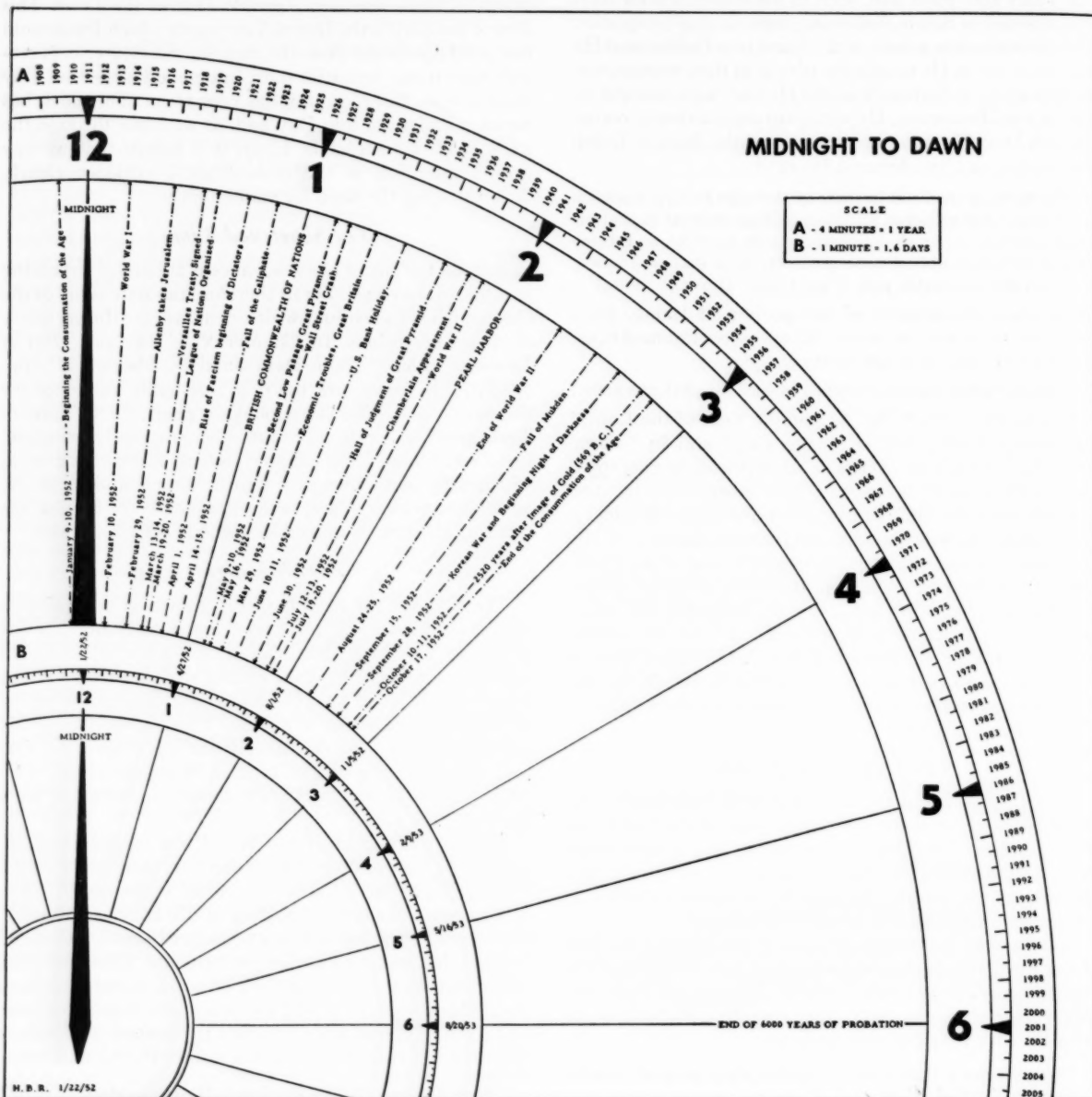
The Shorter Midnight

As shown on the chart, "The Time of Transition," the Night of Darkness, during which God's people will under pressure be brought to acknowledge Him, is a much shorter period than that covered by the Night of the Ages or Time of the End. This shorter period of darkness, or Day of the Lord, terminates with the Consummation of the Age when a New Order of the Ages is to be inaugurated for God's people. It is shown to be a period of a little more than three years; that is, from June 25, 1950 to August 20, 1953. Mid-

night on this shorter scale is January 22, 1952. Because the 60 minutes of this Midnight Hour cover just 96 days, it will end on April 27, 1952 when the second hour of the Third Watch begins.

Synchronizing the Midnights

As shown on the chart, "Midnight to Dawn," accompanying this article, these two scales may be synchronized. By synchronizing the Midnight dates of the two scales, it is found that the events on Scale A (the larger time piece) enable us to locate the equivalent dating on Scale B (the smaller time piece). This is possible because the minutes on each scale are the same; each hour is 60 minutes in duration whether that hour is measured in years or in days. Because one hour on the larger scale is 15 years in length, while an hour on the smaller scale is but 96 days in length, one year is four minutes on Scale A, while 1.6 days is one



minute on Scale B (see scale key). It would have been impossible to make these calculations prior to the establishment of the Night of Darkness which began with the Korean war, and it will be impossible to continue this type of tabulation after October 1952, for from that month onward the events on both scales will all be future.

Justification for Synchronization

Have we any justification for allowing the events of the greater night period and their timing to set a pattern for the order and timing of developments during the much shorter Night of Darkness? We believe we have, for it is a well-known fact that the experiences in the lives of men of old furnished a pattern of things to come in the history of Israel. The outstanding example is Jacob's trouble. Referring to the difficulties that the descendants of Jacob would experience in the latter days, Jeremiah exclaimed:

"Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it." (Jer. 30: 7.)

The experiences in the life of Joseph in Egypt have their counterpart in the latter-day history of the House of Israel and the chronological pattern of many other events in the past, and their order, are definitely prophetic of the trend and order of things to come. It is therefore not at all fantastic to undertake to synchronize the order of events and their timing on one scale of the Night of Darkness with those on the larger scale.

A Prophetic Slide Rule

With the beginning of this year 1952 and the arrival of the Midnight Hour on the smaller scale (B), or Day of the Lord, four years remain to the beginning of the Fourth Watch of the night on the larger scale (A), or Time of the End. As the time of His coming approaches, the Lord is revealing more and more evidence demonstrating the accuracy of His Word and the chronological timing of coming events is illuminating prophecy to alert the watchers concerning what the times and seasons portend and what the passing hours of the night betoken. In this synchronization of the watches of the greater and lesser night periods we have the acme of precision measurements which constitutes virtually a *prophetic slide rule* for the use of the student of prophecy in defining the pattern of events during the critical period of the Third Watch of the night in this Day of the Lord.

Importance of Third Watch

It was in the evening of January 22, 1952 when, while contemplating the magnitude of the implications associated with this date heralding the arrival of the Midnight Hour, the discovery was made that the Consummation of the Age, from 1909 to 1953, also defined a *miniature consummation in days* that involved the period of the Third and Fourth Watches of the present Night of Darkness or Day of the Lord. The most remarkable fact of all was the realization that the historical trends established by the events of the 44 years of the Consummation of the Age could be used to define only the dates that fall within the period of the Third Watch itself. This pattern of tabulation will cease to operate as the Third Watch on the shorter scale (B) begins to come to its end, thus again emphasizing the tremendous importance of this particular watch of the night.

This is an augury pregnant with meaning because our Lord refers to His coming as a thief in either the Second or Third Watch of the night. The Second Watch is now past and we are in the early days of the Third Watch on the short scale and within four years of the end of the Third Watch on the long scale.

Tabulate in Reverse

However, this slide rule of prophecy will also enable the student to tabulate, but in reverse order, the pattern of things to come during the Fourth Watch of the Time of the End (1956 to 2001 A.D.) as the world moves on toward the millennium of rest. Since the tabulations may be carried out in either direction, the governing factor is to determine which scale furnishes the events first for this type of tabulation. The chart shows that the larger scale (A) furnishes a pattern of events to the end of the Third Watch of the night, after which the smaller scale (B) sets the pace for the Fourth Watch of the greater night of darkness.

The developments that will transpire during the Fourth Watch of the Night of Darkness or Day of the Lord; that is, from November 5, 1952 to August 20, 1953, will establish a pattern of development for the world at large during the longer period or Fourth Watch of the Night of the Ages, which will run from 1956 A.D. to 2001 A.D.

The troubles that God's people will suffer during the closing hours of the present Night of Darkness will have their counterpart in the afflictions which will come upon the world following the time of the restoration of the Kingdom. Isaiah is very clear about this, for he declares that gross darkness will cover the earth after God's people have heeded the command to arise and shine (Isa. 60: 1-2). Thus, when the Consummation of the Age has terminated and the new era is inaugurated for the House of Israel, the world at large will be passing through the Fourth Watch of its night, to be disciplined and prepared by the events of that watch for its entry into the Millennium beginning in 2001 A.D.

Interesting Parallels

Let us examine some of the interesting parallels in the projection of the dates of events in the greater Consummation of the Age to days in this Third Watch of the shorter night. Two years prior to Midnight in 1911 A.D., in 1909, the Consummation of the Age began. Projecting this date to the shorter scale gives us the date of January 9-10, 1952, which was 1335 days after the proclamation of the Israeli state on May 15-16, 1948.

On this date the Truman-Churchill communique was issued, stating the aims of the Anglo-Saxon peoples against a common foe. President Truman of the United States and Prime Minister Churchill of Great Britain, representing the principal nations of the House of Israel, had met in a Washington conference just after the commencement of the year 1952 to review the world situation together. The conference communique, released on January 9th, on the eve of the Consummation in miniature, was reported as an expression of Anglo-U. S. Unity, affirming that the United States and the British Commonwealth are determined to unite with each other and other free countries "to ensure peace and security" and build up "the strength of the free world."

The futility of high-sounding phrases unsupported by action has already brought the two great Anglo-Saxon na-

tions to the present impasse. Is this joint Truman-Churchill communique merely punctuating the importance of the beginning of this present crisis period in which further inept performances will contribute to the severity of coming Divine judgment? It is certain that Russia, in her plans for evil aggression, will not be deterred from action by words no matter how skillfully they are employed.

In 1914, three years after the arrival of Midnight in 1911, World War I began. This three years equals 12 minutes after Midnight. On the shorter scale, or Day of the Lord, 12 minutes after the arrival of Midnight on January 22, 1952 gives us February 10, 1952, the date of the first eclipse of the moon in 1952.*

It has already been pointed out that when World War I broke upon a startled world, much concern was expressed as to what it portended. Christian people were suddenly aroused and for a little while they were concerned, with some of them asking the question, "Does this signal that the second advent of the Lord is at hand?" This expression of concern did not come at the stroke of Midnight, but it did occur during the Midnight Hour.

Another historic date was the taking of Jerusalem in 1917 when General Edmund Allenby marched into the city at the head of the British forces. The taking of Jerusalem should have aroused all Christendom to the significance of the times and seasons, and should have been a special signal to the Christian Church, heralding the ending of the age. But this event failed to accomplish this purpose and only the watchers were alerted to the full meaning of the taking of the Holy City from the Turks.

Increased Tension

There has been a perceptible increase in tension in many parts of the world since the beginning of the Midnight Hour on January 22, 1952. The Balkan wars and the Turko-Italian conflict of 1911-12 established a pattern of increased tension following the Midnight of 1911. A similar pattern is now reflected in events since January 22. The present area of turmoil stretches from Korea, Tibet, Malaya, Burma and Indo-China in the Far East to Nepal, Palestine, Iran, Iraq, Tunisia and Egypt in the Middle and Near East.

Babylon's Cup of Judgment

Anyone wishing to do so may project any year on the larger scale, or Time of the End, and secure the corresponding date on the smaller scale, or Day of the Lord, by following the method outlined. For instance, the Wall Street Crash came in 1929 and the corresponding date in the Day of the Lord is May 16, 1952 in the Third Watch. Having defined the corresponding date for the year 1929 in the Day of the Lord as May 16, 1952, let us synchronize this date with the year 1952 on the larger time scale, in which case we find that this gives us October 10-11, 1952. It has previously been established that the year 1952 is 2520 years after the setting up of the gold standard by Nebuchadnezzar in 569 B.C.*

But the entire Babylonian Empire did not come to its end until the night of Belshazzar's feast some 33 or 34 years after Nebuchadnezzar erected the image of gold on the

Plain of Dura. The year 1986 A.D. is 34 years after 1952 and it is an important dating in the Great Pyramid and the beginning of the final hour of the Fourth Watch of the Night of the Ages. The day corresponding to this date on the shorter time scale of the Day of the Lord is May 16, 1953. Since we have already shown that May 16, 1952 corresponds to the year 1929, or the Wall Street Crash, the question naturally arises, Will the year from May 16, 1952 to May 16, 1953 be the day, on the prophetic scale of "a day for a year," which is spoken of in Revelation as the time for Mighty Babylon to be given the cup of the fierceness of God's wrath? The account states:

"Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her." (Rev. 18: 8.)

A Critical Time

World War II began in 1939 and this gives us July 19-20, 1952, while the end of that war in 1945 gives us the date of August 24-25, 1952. When Germany surrendered in 1945 it was the end of the political and military might of the Babylonian Succession of Empires (see "End of Gentile Rule," *Documentary Studies*, Vol. I, p. 139). Will August in 1952 be a critical month in judgment upon the ecclesiastical and economic phases of Great Babylon's activities?*

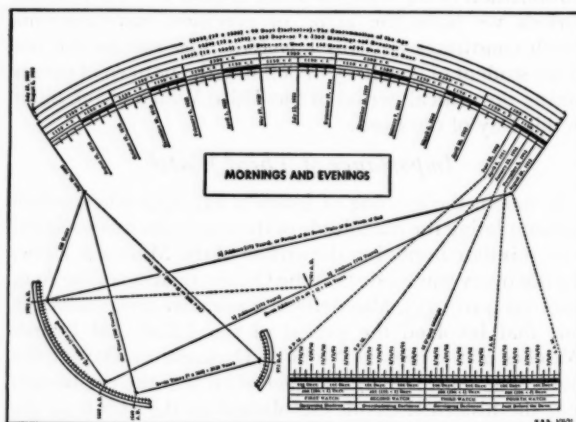
The Night of Darkness of the Day of the Lord began in 1950 and ends in 1953. The corresponding days in the Day of the Lord for these two years are September 27-28, 1952 and October 17, 1952. There are many other interesting projections that can be made, but the above, with those tabulated on the chart, "Midnight to Dawn," are sufficient to establish the pattern.

The Great Pyramid

The following tabulation of dates in the Great Pyramid and the corresponding days in the present Night of Darkness will be of interest to those who are familiar with the chronology of this famous monument.

Beginning of Consummation of the Age

1909.....Jan. 9-10, '52
Beginning of Subterranean Chamber

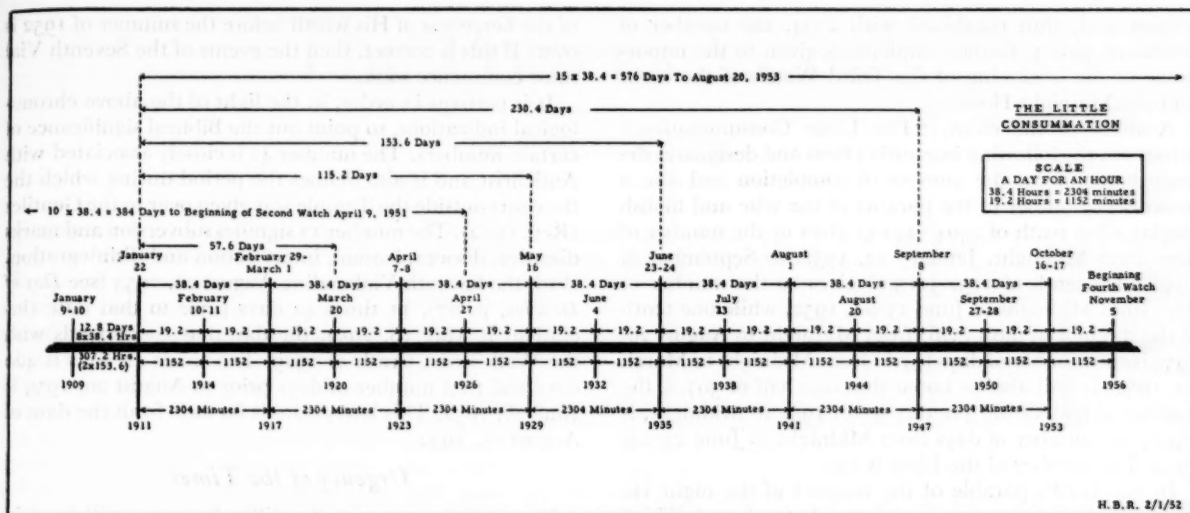


See *Day of Decision*, Chapter II, for a full description of this Chart

* In the series of articles titled "The Time Schedule of the Divine Program," by Mr. J. Bernard Nicklin (the second installment of which is published in this issue), Mr. Nicklin will show the significance of time periods terminating in August 1952 in their relation to judgment upon the ecclesiastical phase of Babylon the Great.

* See "Spirit of Expectancy," *DESTINY* for February 1952, pp. 43-44.

* See "It Is Harvest Time," *DESTINY* for May 1950, p. 174.



1913..... Feb. 3-4, '52
Center of Subterranean Chamber

1920..... Mar. 19-20, '52
Beginning Second Low Passage

1928..... May 9-10, '52
Beginning Hall of Judgment

1936..... June 30, '52
End of Subterranean Chamber

1939..... July 19-20, '52
End of Hall of Judgment and Consummation of the Age

1953..... Oct. 17, '52
End of Dead End Passage

1992..... June 23, '53
South side of Square Aroua

1994..... July 6, '53

A Double Witness

Confirmatory evidence that the projection of the events from one time scale to the other is a part of the scheme of Divine timing is furnished by a double witness which further emphasizes the importance of the Third Watch of the night of the Day of the Lord.

On the chart, "Midnight to Dawn," we have shown the projection of the events recorded after Midnight of the Time of the End to the period of the Third Watch following Midnight, January 22, 1952. This synchronization of the two night periods designated on the chart, "The Time of Transition," is further confirmed by a like synchronization of the chart, "Mornings and Evenings," reproduced here,* which subdivides the Consummation of the Age into 7 periods of 2304 days each, with a similar subdivision of the period from January 22, 1952 to October 17, 1952 into 7 periods of 2304 minutes each. The accompanying chart titled "The Little Consummation," gives us the details of this further subdividing, for the mornings and evenings of this shorter Consummation, comprising 1152 minutes each, synchronize perfectly with the periods set forth in the greater chart of "Mornings and Evenings." While the latter is measured in days, the former is measured in minutes.

A study of the chart, "The Little Consummation,"

* See *Day of Decision*, pp. 18-19.

shows that it too covers the period of the Third Watch of the night. This period may be divided into 7 equal parts of 38.4 days each, with each day and night 19.2 days in length — the length of a metonic cycle. The length of these periods was originally established as a result of projecting the Midnight of 1911 and the years of World War I in 1914 and the taking of Jerusalem in 1917 to the shorter night period beginning with Midnight of January 22, 1952 as already shown. The result was a period of 38.4 days from January 22, 1952 to February 29-March 1, 1952, with February 10-11, 1952 being 19.2 days from January 22, 1952.

As pointed out on the chart, "Midnight to Dawn," scale A is 4 minutes to one year and scale B is 1 minute to 1.6 days. But there are 38.4 hours in 1.6 days, a fact which confirms the importance of the 38.4 days of the 7 subdivisions of the period of the Little Consummation. It also furnishes a most important clue that enables us to synchronize the chart of "Mornings and Evenings" with that of the "Little Consummation." This is because there are just 2304 minutes in 38.4 hours. Thus, while on the chart of "Mornings and Evenings" the 7 subdivisions are in periods of 2304 days each, we find that on the chart of the "Little Consummation" those same subdivisions are in periods of 2304 minutes each.

Another important fact that should be carefully noted is that, while the Consummation of the Age began in 1909, the Little Consummation began 8 minutes later, with Midnight, January 22, 1952, as shown on the chart, "Midnight to Dawn," thus again emphasizing the significance of this Third Watch of the night beginning with the Midnight Hour. Furthermore, the Little Consummation ends October 17, 1952, which is the year 1953 of the end of the Consummation of the Age projected to the night of the Day of the Lord. But October 17, 1952 is just 1152 minutes short of the end of the Third Watch, and 1152 is $\frac{1}{2}$ of 2304.

Because 1 minute is 1.6 days and 1.6 days is 38.4 hours, the 8 minutes from January 9-10, 1952, corresponding with 1909, are just 8×38.4 hours, or 307.2 hours, to Midnight of January 22, 1952. But 307.2 hours is 18,432 minutes, or 8×2304 minutes. Now 8 is the number of resur-

rection and, thus combined with 2304, the number of cleansing, plus 4, further emphasis is given to the importance of the beginning of the Third Watch of the night and the Midnight Hour.

A study of the chart, "The Little Consummation," brings out the following interesting facts and designates the importance of 10, the number of completion and also a prominent number in the parable of the wise and foolish virgins. One tenth of 2304 (230.4) gives us the number of days from Midnight, January 22, 1952, to September 8, 1952. One tenth of 1152 (115.2) gives us the number of days from Midnight to June 23-24, 1952, while one tenth of the number of days (576) from Midnight to August 20, 1953 is the number of days (57.6) from Midnight to March 20, 1952. It will also be noted that one half of 307.2, the number of hours from January 9-10, 1952 to Midnight, is 153.6, the number of days from Midnight to June 23-24, 1952. The number of the Elect is 153.

In our Lord's parable of the watches of the night He emphasized the importance of the Second and Third Watches. The Second Watch began April 9, 1951 and if we multiply the number of hours in 1.6 days (38.4 hours, which is 2304 minutes) by 10, it gives us 384, and this number in days from April 9, 1951 gives us April 27, 1952, the end of the Midnight Hour.

There are many other interesting deductions that can be discovered from a study of the synchronization of these scales by all who will apply themselves to the subject. It is certain that, as the dates indicated on each scale become history, the importance of these days will become evident to all.

Timing the Seventh Vial

Time itself must provide the verdict as to the importance of these established periods, for events alone will demonstrate their significance. However, it is the duty of the watchmen to proclaim the passing of the hours of the night and be in a position to alert others when events do establish, as they will, the accuracy of the Divine timetable.

Before closing this study, there is one more important dating which, if established, will throw further light upon the events of the immediate future. We have reference to the timing of the beginning of the Seventh Vial of Revelation 16: 17-21:

"And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, it is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

"And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great."

It has already been pointed out that the Sixth Vial does not end until after the event designated as "the coming as a thief" occurs. Chronology indicates that judgment will come upon Mighty Babylon during the Seventh Vial, with the ecclesiastical phase of Babylon the Great coming into remembrance before God to receive the cup of the wine

of the fierceness of His wrath before the summer of 1952 is over. If this is correct, then the events of the Seventh Vial must commence soon.

It is perhaps in order, in the light of the above chronological indications, to point out the Biblical significance of certain numbers. The number 42 is closely associated with Antichrist and it also defines the period during which the the court outside the Temple was given over to the Gentiles (Rev. 11: 2). The number 11 signifies subversion and marks disorder, disorganization, imperfection and disintegration. With the Seventh Vial ending August 20, 1953 (see *Day of Decision*, p. 67), 11 times 42 days prior to that date (inclusive) is May 16, 1952, the day that corresponds with the Wall Street Crash of 1929. Ten times 42 days is 420 days and that number of days prior to August 20, 1953 is June 26, 1952. This latter date is 60 days from the date of August 25, 1952.

Urgency of the Times

We are fully aware of the difficulty many will have in grasping the full import of the subject under discussion in this study, but the times are urgent and we feel that this information should be in the hands of the watchers as soon as possible. Just as Jesus told His disciples that it was not for all to understand what He was saying to them, so, too, the chronological aspects of the Divine timetable are for the purpose of alerting the watchers, while the world at large, and many Christians, will find much of it meaningless. But those who will spend time to study in order to grasp the significance of the timing of events will gain a marvelous insight into the unfoldment of prophecy, remembering that Esdras said:

"He hath weighed the world in the balance; and by measure hath he measured the times, and by number hath he numbered the seasons; and he shall not move nor stir them, until the said measure be fulfilled." (II Esdras 4: 36-37.)

This information will inspire them to keep spiritually alert, for the knowledge of the imminence of His return will lead to personal examination and cleansing:

"Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." (Dan. 12: 10.)

Those who understand sit at the feet of Him who is referred to in Daniel as *Palmoni*, or the Numberer of Secrets; that is, the Wonderful Numberer. They know that the hour is at hand when the admonition of our Lord is more applicable than at any other time, "What I say unto you I say unto all, Watch!"

Day of Decision

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The above article sets forth the inevitable conclusions drawn from the information published in this book. *Day of Decision* clearly demonstrates the chronological accuracy of the prophetic timetable, showing the rapidity with which men and nations are approaching the crisis of the ages to which all the prophets referred.

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The Potter's Vessels

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FOR SOME YEARS now students of the Bible's national message have pointed out the necessity of recognizing the distinction between the people of Israel and the people of Judah. These students insist that much of the Bible cannot be understood without a knowledge of this difference. Indeed it has been said, and we believe truly, that this knowledge is not only essential to the understanding of Biblical and secular history, but it is a key which unlocks the mysteries of the parables contained in the Old and New Testaments.

Jeremiah the Prophet emphasizes this distinction dramatically in two Kingdom Parables. The first is recorded in Jeremiah 18: 1-10:

"The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it. Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying, O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel. At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it: if that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them. And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; if it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them."

The meaning of this parable is not obscure. Unlike some of Jesus' parables, the interpretation is not hidden but is clearly stated. God Himself is the Potter and the Kingdom of Israel is the clay. Before discussing this first parable, let us look at the second, since the distinctive purpose of each will be more readily seen if they are viewed together. We quote next a few verses from Jeremiah 19: 1-11:

"Thus saith the Lord, Go and get a

potter's earthen bottle, and take of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the priests; and go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of the east gate, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee, and say, Hear ye the word of the Lord, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem; Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, the which whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle. Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it unto other gods, whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents. . . . Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that this place shall no more be called Tophet, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of slaughter. And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place; and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hands of them that seek their lives: . . . And I will make this city desolate, and an hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished and hiss because of all the plagues thereof. . . . Then shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with thee, and shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again: and they shall bury them in Tophet, till there be no place to bury."

This second parable shows unmistakably that the Kingdom of Judah was not a part of the marred vessel spoken of in the first parable; instead, it is the earthen bottle of the second parable. The two parables are definitely national in scope, not individual; they deal with two distinct branches of Israelitish people, whose kingdoms were destined to be markedly different in character and duration. Therefore, the two vessels are the two kingdoms of Israel and Judah. Both parables emphasize the fact that God has greater power over men and nations than a potter over clay, for the potter is not the creator of the clay, as God is of His people.

What, then, are the different meanings of these two pottery symbols? The parable of the clay which the potter

made into another vessel is a remarkable prophecy of God's patient remolding of the northern Kingdom of Israel, after the capture and deportation of its citizens by the Assyrians. Israel in captivity was a marred vessel. This was not due to the Potter's failure, but to resistance or nonconsistency in the clay. In either case it would not take or hold the shape the Potter designed. Nevertheless, according to the parable, Israel was still pliable. The clay had not hardened to the point where it could never be refashioned.

Just as the potter takes the same clay and makes of it another vessel that seems good to him, so God proposes to take the same Kingdom of Israel — the ten-tribed House — and make of it a vessel beautiful and honorable in His sight. The potter's patient and skillful work with the clay until it becomes a perfect vessel symbolizes the Divine process of formation by which God is molding a people whom He will not abandon till His design in them is realized. As Mr. John J. Morey says:

"The same nation is reformed; the same race becomes obedient and responsive; the same Kingdom is brought up to the standard which it failed to reach in its first experience. It is plain that somewhere the Israel nation is undergoing this second phase in its history, and that the result is to be gloriously successful." (*Parables of the Kingdom*,* pp. 64-65.)

It is not a pleasant experience to be ground on the potter's wheel. The "lost sheep of the house of Israel" found that out when they were plucked up, pulled down, and sifted among the nations (Amos 9: 9). But there came a time, after the period of flux, when they were planted in new lands and built up into a great nation and company of nations, as specified in Genesis 35 and 48. "Cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel."

Biblical prophecies and parables portray no such perpetuity for the

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Kingdom of Judah. In Jeremiah's parable of Israel, chapter 18, the vessel is in the process of being molded; it is to be worked over and over until perfected. But in his parable of Judah, chapter 19, the vessel is not an *unfinished* piece of clay, but a bottle already formed and duly hardened. Here the potter's work is finished; the bottle, being molded and baked, cannot be refashioned when broken, and is, therefore, hopelessly shattered, destroyed and abandoned.

This breaking of Judah's Kingdom was wrought by Babylonian power; the city of Jerusalem was laid low and the people were deported to Babylon. After a period of seventy years, a small remnant of the broken bottle returned to the Holy Land and became known as the Jews. They never re-established the Kingdom of Judah and the Throne of David, but remained a subservient people under various powers, including Persia, Egypt, Syria and Rome. During the more than four hundred years from Nehemiah to New Testament times, "no inspired writer, historian or prophet appeared, and it is called the 'Period of Silence'" (*New Analytical Bible*, p. 1079).

Then the time came for the Advent of Israel's Redeemer and King, Jesus the Christ. The Jews refused Him as their Saviour; they refused Him as their King. They said, "We will not have this man to reign over us." With characteristic callousness and arrogance the mob cried: "Crucify him! His blood be on us and on our children!" Defiantly they shut themselves out of the Kingdom by crucifying the King. The die was cast. Henceforth the Kingdom of God would be taken from them and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof, as Jesus had said (Matt. 21: 43). The last fragment of Judah's bottle was broken, never to be made whole again.

"The absolute shattering of the potter's bottle," writes Dr. W. H. Jellie, "now symbolizes the *complete destruction* of that generation of the Jewish people, as *useless for God's purposes* and contrary to His mind. This vessel, having been baked, could not be formed anew, was *beyond reformation*, and so must be destroyed. The destructive work is *here irremediable*. . . . 'Ancients of the people and ancients of the priests.' These 'ancients' represented a nation whose usages and temperament were fixed and determined" (*Homiletic Commentary: Jer.*, pp. 399-400).

On the other hand, the non-Jewish tribes of Israel, the lost sheep, were not hardened when Christ came. They had wandered far away in sin but they were still pliable clay in the Potter's hands. They had not kept the Law of Moses, it is true; neither had they corrupted it by changes, additions and false interpretations, as the Jews had done. The time had come for them to be made into another vessel. In preparation for this, God had located them conveniently in the regions of Asia Minor. "Go find my sheep," Jesus had said to His disciples, "feed my sheep — feed my lambs." So, after the Resurrection, the Ascension, and the Spirit's visitation on the day of Pentecost, the Apostles and other witnesses went in search of the lost sheep to proclaim to them the unsearchable riches of Christ and the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

Thereafter we read the story of Israel's remolding in the Acts and Epistles. Yes, these Israelites of the Northern Kingdom are often referred to in the Scriptures as Gentiles, a fact which some find most confusing, though without justification. The explanation is quite simple. The word "Gentile" is defined as follows: "As used by the Jews, one of non-Jewish faith or race; as used by Christians, one not a Jew; especially a Christian as distinguished from a Jew." Hence these Israel tribes scattered abroad, to whom James and Peter addressed their Epistles, may be referred to correctly as Gentiles in the sense that they were not Jews. The term "gentile" may also mean a heathen; but as used in Old Testament prophecy and in New Testament history it refers mainly to the tribes of the Israel Kingdom as distinct from Judah and the Jews.

In the New Testament we read inspiring stories about these early Christian converts. We read of their ready acceptance of the Gospel; of their churches that grew up in the many communities where they had settled; of their trials and persecutions; and of their triumphs in the Name of Jesus Christ, "whom having not seen" they loved and believed "with joy unspeakable." Writing of them, Mr. Morey says:

"Jehovah is still the potter, and the lost sheep of the House of Israel are still the clay in His hand. He came to earth that He might soften the clay and render it more amenable to His touch: He put it back upon the wheel, and with His tender,

bleeding hands shaped and guided it, formed and reformed it, bringing His pattern and design to it, teaching it here and there in love, until it began to appear once more a vessel which seemed good to Him. Surely at the Redemption the first great remolding act of the potter was seen; and ever since that day the vessel has been assuming its new and proper form, and will continue so to develop till it is universally recognized to be the Kingdom of God on earth." (p. 65.)

The great Christian movements spread toward the West in the centuries which followed. Within a few years after its beginning it had reached men and women of influence in Rome, Spain and Britain, including the British royal family. Migrating Israel clans, many of whom had received the Gospel during their sojourn in Western Asia, poured into Europe from the Adriatic in the south to the Baltic in the north. Large segments of these people moved on into the British Isles to join kindred peoples who had long been established there. On they went, eventually colonizing in America and Canada, building what we now call our Western Christian civilization.

All the while the great Potter was molding the English-speaking peoples into the prophetic "nation, and company of nations" of the House of Joseph, though to this day most Christians do not recognize the design which is shaping our national destiny. It is because we do not realize these things, and do not yield to the Potter's purpose, that we are being ground on the wheels of war and tribulation. The Potter will not abandon us to our own destruction. We shall yet become the vessel of His design — a people of righteousness and peace, a blessing to all mankind — and ultimately the Kingdom of God, perfected on earth as it is in heaven. "This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise" (Isa. 43: 21). Notice the words — "*they shall*" — there is no way to escape eventual submission to the Divine will and purpose.

There is no such future for Judah as a kingdom, or for the Jews as a nation. The present Israeli state in Palestine was doomed to failure long before it began. "Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again." Several previous attempts have been made to build a Jewish state in
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The Time Schedule of the Divine Program

By J. BERNARD NICKLIN

PART II

The Development

AT THE END OF 1918, the writer, like many others, imagined that the Millennium was about to dawn. Jerusalem had been delivered, and some nine months later a battle had been fought over the plain of Megiddo — the site of Armageddon — which had completely liberated the Holy Land, so that the way was now open for the return of Israel. Many other things, also of prophetic interest, had happened. Ancient thrones had been cast down and, as the war had ended, the German "Beast," bearing the time-mark "666," had been slain. Little else, it seemed, remained to be fulfilled prior to the setting up of Christ's Kingdom.

But we soon discovered that these anticipations had been premature. Instead of events heading up to a climax, something we had overlooked, which was of peculiar import, began to take shape — a mighty movement for world peace.

The League of Nations

According to Ezekiel, foolish prophets would arise at the end crying, "Peace; and there was no peace" (Ez. 13). This they would do "out of their own hearts . . . following their own spirit," and thereby would seduce Israel, causing her to neglect her defenses and be unprepared for "the battle of that great day of God Almighty." Moreover, these false leaders would be preoccupied in building a "wall" and daubing it with "untempered mortar" — evidently symbolical of an abortive peace organization — which would at last be destroyed by a "storm" and "overflowing shower of great hailstones." Did the Peace Movement of 1919-1920 represent early stages in the fulfillment of this ancient prophecy?

Outstanding dates noted were as follows:

November 11, 1918 — The Armistice.

January 18, 1919 — Opening of the Peace Conference.

January 25, 1919 — Formation of League of Nations agreed upon.

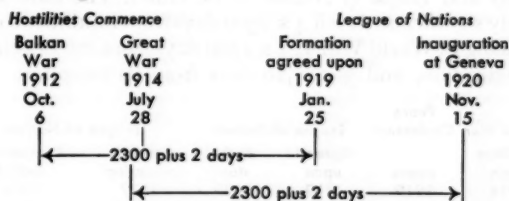
June 28, 1919 — Peace Treaty and League of Nations Covenant signed.

January 10, 1920 — Peace Treaty and League of Nations in force.

November 15, 1920 — Inauguration of the League of Nations at Geneva.

When studying these dates in relation to those which had marked the commencement of hostilities in the Balkan and Great Wars, we found that in each case 2300 days

had ended respectively on the formation and inauguration of the League.



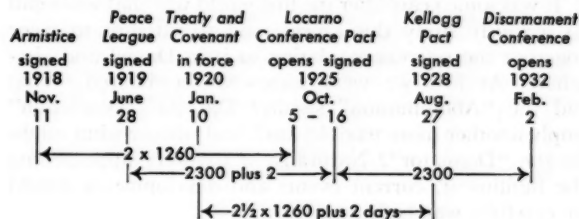
At first we did not regard this as a matter of any special interest, but as years passed we observed other instances of 2300 days, and less frequently of 1260 days, expiring on outstanding happenings connected with the Peace Movement.

The *Locarno Conference*, referred to as the "real Peace Congress of Europe," opened October 5, 1925, and eleven days later the *Security Pact* was signed, guaranteeing the inviolability of the German, Belgian and French frontiers. A praiseworthy effort, but in the light of events fifteen years later, how futile it proved to be! While the opening date of the Conference fell 2×1260 days from the Armistice; the signing fell 2300 plus 2 days from the signing of the Peace Treaty and League Covenant.

Why treaty signings and obligations of a binding character should fall invariably two days after periods expired was a circumstance that baffled us for a long time.

The *Kellogg Pact* — "a multilateral treaty for the renunciation of war" — described as the "greatest act born of peace" and one which offered the League of Nations "a kind of general reinsurance," was signed at Paris on August 27, 1928, $2\frac{1}{2}$ times 1260 days (plus 2 for signing) from the coming into force of the Peace Treaty and League Covenant on January 10, 1920.

The *Disarmament Conference*, which opened at Geneva February 2, 1932, and was attended by about 250 delegates representing some 1,700,000,000 of the world's population, followed 2300 days from the signing of the Locarno Pact.

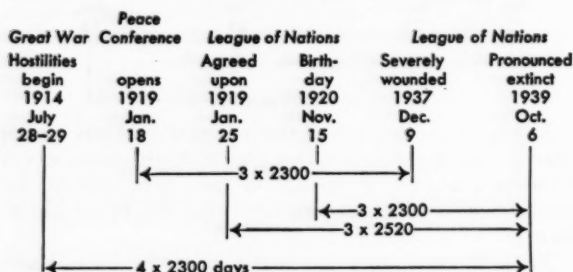


The zenith of this human attempt to establish world peace was reached during the second of these 2300 day-periods. Then came rumblings of the approaching storm; first from the Far East, then from nearer home.

Germany's withdrawal from the League, announced by Hitler October 14, 1933, was an "eclipse" from which it never recovered. And was it a coincidence that this should have occurred 2300 days after the total eclipse of the sun over England on June 29, 1927?

A further blow was inflicted December 9, 1937 when Mussolini announced *Italy's withdrawal*. This date fell three times 2300 days from the opening of the Peace Conference on January 18, 1919.

But the storm itself burst when hostilities commenced in World War II and Hitler subjected Poland and Warsaw to "an overflowing shower of great hailstones" (bombs). Having done this, on October 6, 1939, he made his famous peace offer and at the same time pronounced the *Versailles Treaty* and *League of Nations* to be extinct. The date was highly significant. It fell 4×2300 days from hostilities commencing in World War I; 3×2300 days from the League's inauguration, and 3×2520 days from its inception.



The timing here is unmistakable. The repetition of 2300 day-intervals, and the fact that this World Peace Organization lasted just *three* times 2300 days, should appear as convincing evidence of such. The League of Nations failed to bring in world peace because to the Son of man is reserved the glory of leading the peoples of this earth into an age when war shall be no more.

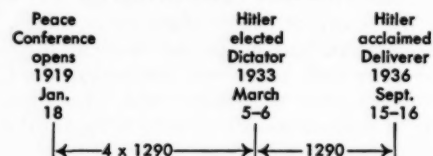
World War II

When the disciples came to Jesus with the question, "What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" (Matt. 24: 3), He gave them to understand that the closing epoch of this age would be one of "travail" (v. 8, R. V.); and that the sign denoting it had commenced would be a world war: "Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom" (v. 7). This we believe was the war of 1914-1918. At a later stage, a more intense phase would be experienced — a "great tribulation" — the greatest ever in the world's history (v. 21), which would in some way be connected with Daniel's prophecy of the "abomination of desolation" (v. 15).

It was some years after the first world war that we began to seriously study this aspect, and to attempt to piece together the references relating to it in Daniel and elsewhere. At first we were somewhat bewildered. What did the "Abomination" signify? Did the "Desolation" imply another more terrible war? And who or what might be the "Desolator"? Naturally, if we were approaching the fulfillment, current events and developments should be carefully watched.

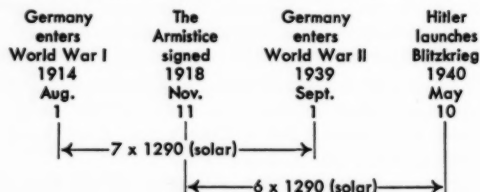
Suspicion arose that Hitler and the Nazi movement were in some way connected with the Abomination of Desolation during the spring of 1933. The date of their coming into power appeared to bear the time-mark. We noticed that the eventful week commencing with the Reichstag Fire, February 27, and ending with Hitler's election on March 5-6, 1933, had occurred 1290 days prior to the week ending September 15-16, 1936, the Great Pyramid date marking the entrance into the King's Chamber, the "Hall of the Judgment of the Nations," of which we shall have more to say later. Suffice it to say now that this week, when it came, saw the great Nuremberg Congress — the most spectacular display of Nazi military power up to then witnessed — when, for having "re-established German military supremacy," Hitler was acclaimed "Germany's deliverer."

But later we noticed that the date, March 6, 1933, when Hitler became Dictator, also fell four times 1290 days from January 18, 1919, the opening of the Paris Peace Conference which, as already shown, was an important starting-point for 2300 periods running out in connection with the League of Nations.



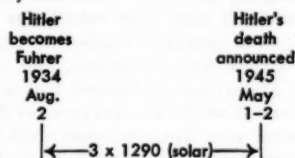
In 1936 our attention was drawn to some remarkable conclusions by the Rev. Albert Barnes, published as long ago as 1853, concerning the literal sense of the Hebrew in the phrase, "the abomination that maketh desolate" (Dan. 9: 27). According to this old scholar, what is here comprehended is "something resembling the wings of a bird spread out . . . pouring down desolation upon people in the manner of a storm." And while he was naturally nonplussed as to what it might be, it was at once clear to us that the "Abomination" must represent aerial bombardment; and that the many references to "hail," "fire," and the destruction of cities that occur must apply to bombs, incendiaries, and the havoc caused by air raids. By and by we observed that the 1290-day period applied not only to the aggressor powers employing this agency of desolation, but to the war of desolation itself.

It was the Rev. R. N. Stoddart, M.A. (then vicar of Kirkdale, Liverpool) who drew our attention to the fact that World War II had begun exactly seven times 1290 days (solar) from the start of World War I. And that the interval between the Armistice and Hitler's Blitzkrieg, May 10, 1940, had been six times this period.



In a short survey such as this it is not possible to detail the many examples of 1290-day periods observed in Hitler's career as Dictator. Each step in his rise to power provided evidence of such. But we should note that from

August 2, 1934, when, at Hindenburg's death, Hitler became Fuhrer, three cycles of 1290 (solar) days brought his career to an end on May 1-2, 1945. Actually, Hitler's death was announced to the world by German radio at 10:25 P.M., May 1st.

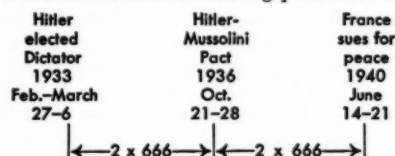


Mussolini, the other partner of the Axis, also bore the time-mark of the Desolator. His career as such began with his attack on helpless Abyssinia on October 3, 1935. The date was six times 1290 days from the event which precipitated World War I, Austria's ultimatum to Serbia on July 25, 1914. His career of desolation ended at his downfall, July 25, 1943, seven cycles of 1290 days from November 3, 1918, Italy's exit from World War I.

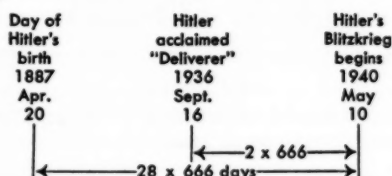


The "Beast" in Revelation, bearing the number "666," in some points would resemble the Desolator. It would have a militaristic aspect, and would cause "fire" to "come down from heaven on the earth." In the first installment of this article (see *DESTINY* for February 1952, pp. 53-5), 666, as well as 1290, periods were shown to have run out for Germany during the war of 1914-1918. In World War II, 666 day-periods were prominent in the case of both Germany and Italy.

For example: 2 x 666 days from the week Hitler became Dictator saw the Hitler-Mussolini Pact concluded; while a further 2 x 666 days saw France prostrate, suing for peace, and Hitler and Mussolini discussing peace terms.

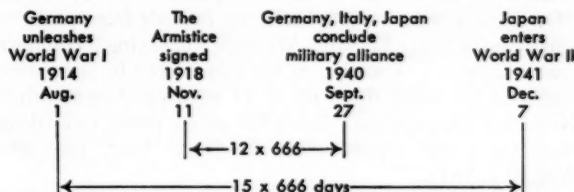


The importance of May 10, 1940, has already been emphasized. On that day the war began in earnest. And as in World War I, hostilities commenced at the end of 666 solar months from the day the Kaiser was born; so in World War II this real beginning of hostilities came 666 months of 28 days from the day Hitler was born. But May 10, 1940 was also 2 x 666 days from the end of the week which saw Hitler acclaimed "Germany's deliverer" for having "re-established German military supremacy."



The "Beast," in Revelation 17, is represented as part of "Babylon"; and the Prophet Esdras, judged worthy to be shown "the last times," depicts an Asiatic power linked with this militaristic system (II Esdras 15: 46). Could this include Japan? Japan certainly bore the characteristics and time-mark of the "Beast." For instance:

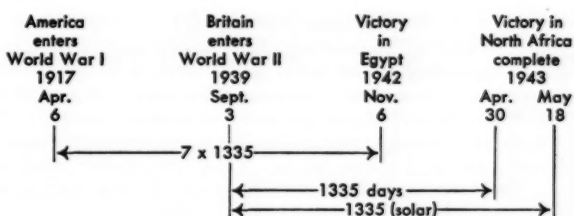
Germany, Italy and Japan concluded their military alliance on September 27, 1940, precisely twelve times 666 days from the Armistice. And Japan entered the war on December 7, 1941, when without warning she dealt the treacherous blow upon ships of the United States Navy in Pearl Harbor. This happened just fifteen times 666 days from Germany's entrance into World War I.



On December 11, 1941, 15 x 666 days from Britain's first day in World War I, the United States entered the war against the full "Beast" combination.

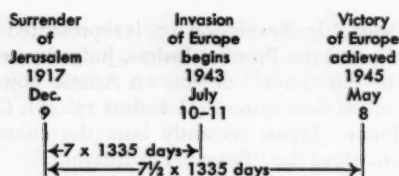
In the dark days of 1940, 1941 and 1942, many who identify Britain and America with lost Israel found the prophecy of "Jacob's Trouble," with its promise that Jacob "shall be saved out of it" (Jer. 30: 7), a source of great comfort. And at last the tide began to turn.

Montgomery's victory at El Alamein, November 6, 1942, and the American landings in North Africa, marked the beginning of a chain of successful operations, the first of which ended in the total collapse and defeat of all the Axis forces in North Africa, April 30-May 18, 1943. And it was noticeable how, from then on, Israel's period for blessing and victory came into play. November 6, 1942, happened to be seven times 1335 days from America's entry into World War I; April 30th and May 18, 1943, were respectively 1335 and 1335 (solar) days from Britain's entry into World War II.



In Part I the deliverance of Jerusalem, December 9, 1917, was shown to be an outstanding date prophetically; the year 1917 being the 1335th of the Mohammedan calendar, the day, December 9th, being the 24th of the 9th month of the Jewish calendar mentioned for blessing by the Prophet Haggai (Hag. 2: 18-19.)

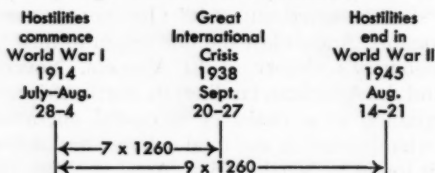
It was appropriate, therefore, that the Allied invasion of Sicily, the first step in the liberation of Europe from Nazi and Fascist domination, should have fallen 7 x 1335 days from Jerusalem's liberation; and that a further half-period of 1335 days should have fallen on the day the war in Europe ended — VE-Day, May 8, 1945. Was all this coincidence?



In Joel's prophecy we learn that, prior to the outbreak of final war, a circumstance of some kind (described metaphorically as the blowing of a "trumpet") would alarm and awaken Israel (Joel 2: 1).

Such an awakening came suddenly, as we know, with the Munich Crisis, which reached its zenith and brought Europe to the brink of war on September 20-27, 1938. "On September 27, 1938," said the *Reader's Digest*, "there was no hope left in England. We were still saying it couldn't really happen — knowing as we said it that in 1914 they had said the same thing up to 11 P.M., on August 4th." Now this International Crisis fell seven times 1260 days from the Crisis commencing the Great War, July 28-August 4, 1914.

Another two cycles beyond Munich saw the end of World War II. Actually, as hostilities began on July 28, 1914 in the first war, so nine times 1260 days later, on August 14, 1945, hostilities ceased in the second. The 15th was V-J Day; the 19th was a day of National Thanksgiving in Britain for victory; on the 21st the King and Queen received the congratulations of Parliament.



"He must indeed have a blind soul who cannot see that some great purpose and design is being worked out here below," said Prime Minister Churchill in the course of one of his war speeches. And is it not possible to perceive a *Divine Time Schedule* operating also?

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prop your head on a pillow squashed endwise and read a copy of the *Congressional Record*. Some people prefer a bed of spikes; others torture themselves dancing on hot coals — I read the *Congressional Record*. Congress got ahead of me last summer. Last Friday night I read up as far as October 17 and suddenly, instead of falling asleep, I almost fell out of bed. Mr. Daniel Reed of New York had the floor of the House and he was making a great deal of sense. Understand, I am a realist.

"I believe the Bible offers a man a good deal; it does not offer him a free ride, nor does the Constitution of the United States. And if the Honorable Mr. Reed figures that up as I think they do, the bill's about due. A lot of Americans are saying tonight, 'Higher taxes so higher wages, I'm doing all right' — or you think so. Well, I'm a realist. Let's see, in 156 years all the presidents of the United States up to this one took from the people of the United States \$248,000,000,000 in taxes. Now that paid for everything for 156 years, with two world wars and a half dozen smaller ones thrown in — \$248,000,000,000. Listen, in just the past six years you have been taxed \$260,000,000,000 — more than the total of the 156 years which preceded.

"By June it will go to \$320,000,000,000, and still we won't be meeting current expenses, and still this will be the first major war the United States ever fought and didn't win. You're well

off, you say. How about 100,000 battle casualties admitted and maybe that many more who suffered in this thing? Are they well off? Or the thousands of young Americans who will follow them in a planless, purposeless, apparently endless war?

"How about the holders of \$135,000,000,000 in government bonds, the purchasing power of which has been reduced by inflation to about half their face value? For the 80,000,000 Americans owning life insurance policies, the true value of their investment has shrunk \$30,000,000,000. Are they better off? The 50¢ dollar, Mister, has confiscated half of every pension. Your \$10,000 house is worth \$20,000 now, so they would have you believe. Listen, your \$10,000 house gives you less shelter than it did because it has depreciated; the coal to heat it and the taxes on it have gone up to where it costs you more to live in it, so you have lost money, my friend, not made it.

"You know the \$14,000,000,000 which your government has been collecting from you for social security — all the treasury has to show for those so-called trust funds is a pile of paper IOU's. When it is time for you to collect your social security, they will have to sell more bonds or raise your son's taxes again.

"You're well off, you say. We have given away \$11,000,000,000 trying to buy friends abroad, though a hired soldier never in history won a war. Our national debt amounts to \$7,000 for every family in America and it is mounting every time the clock ticks, and still we cannot pay our bills, win our wars or keep our priceless heritage of individual dignity and liberty from slipping away.

"I am not trying to discourage you, Americans; I am just trying to make you mad again and crush out and shout down that silly statement that we are doing all right. Work used to be a fine and honorable thing before the politicians promised to do away with it. Now maybe we can't any longer. Dr. Kirk Ricker of Johns Hopkins will tell you that all our 'oomph' comes from our adrenal glands and that laziness is shrinking them, actually shrinking them. Our ease is siphoning the fight out of us.

"Do you know why God answers some prayers 'yes' and some 'no.' It is because if a father, however loving, did all his son's homework, he ruined the son. The ancient Greeks had a saying that, if you want to destroy a man, give him everything he wants, so we got to the point where Kipling said all men would be paid for existing, and rot set in. Every empire in history has passed this way. The same old detour to decay.

"I say there is a high road. It's uphill, but we need the exercise. We can buy back this last good hope of earth if we really are willing to go back to work. If we are willing to do without a lot of civil servants and fancy services we can't afford and really go to work, this great government under God could last intact through all the earthly time there is.

"In Winchester, Indiana, there is a great stone base in the middle of the courthouse lawn. Atop that base is a Grecian-type lamp and [recently] in a ceremony in which all faiths participated they ignited the wick in that lamp. The inscription on the lamp reads: 'Behold friend, you are on hallowed ground, for here burns freedom's holy light.' The Winchester plan is to keep it burning always. It will be a community responsibility, each in his turn, to remind all men that freedom is not permanent unless there are enough keepers of the flame."

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REVIEW OF WORLD AFFAIRS

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MR. VISHINSKY HAS GIVEN the impression of moving toward a debating position on atomic control and, in consequence, on disarmament. Russia believes that, if we agreed to stop work on atomic weapons and agreed to inspection, we would keep the bargain. This would be an immense — possibly a decisive — advantage to her. She also knows that even unconditional inspection of her plants would present us with very great difficulties.

Some of Russia's plants are not on Russian soil. Some of them are in very remote places and their whereabouts are known to us only from highly secret sources. Russia would deny their existence and probably hold us up for months, or even years, with arguments. If this happened six months or a year after we had stopped production and allowed inspection, Russia might have gained a decisive advantage of the most dangerous kind.

There is no limit to the remarkable way in which the popular press suddenly publishes, as new and startling facts, things which should have been known long ago. "The *Continental Daily Mail's* exclusive report on January 1, that Chinese Communist troops are massing in ominous numbers on the Indo-Chinese border in preparation for an eventual invasion, has caused widespread interest and comment."

The facts about Chinese troop concentrations in this area — which are in accord with a carefully prepared Russo-Chinese timetable — were published in *Review of World Affairs* in April 1950. Again in November 1951 we reported Chinese troop concentrations in South China and the building of air bases along the Indo-Chinese frontier.

All Southeast Asia is in supreme danger. This danger will steadily mount during 1952, the first of the five really critical years in world affairs. There is no factual basis for the current assertions by leading statesmen and in much of the press that international tensions and dangers are less now than they were one, two or three years ago. There is nothing but deception in the propaganda that tension will slowly lessen. It arises from a Soviet political move to disarm the West at a time when its utmost effort is needed to ward off dangers which are growing rather than diminishing.

In October 1951 we reported that the Kremlin had decided to show marked signs of weakness during the coming months in order to persuade the West into believing that Soviet strength was diminishing. Some recent speeches made by certain, though not all, public men made one wonder whether Russia has really bluffed the West again, and whether we are now allowing ourselves to drift into a semi-post-Munich mood. Reports of private statements made by leading statesmen — which seem sharply to contrast with their public utterances — make one conclude, however, that it is only fear of being accused of war-mon-

gering which inspires the somewhat optimistic public statements for which there is as yet little factual support.

United Nations

The atmosphere of the Palais Chaillot in Paris is one of frustration and boredom. The General Assembly hardly gives an impression of either vigor or diligence. Amongst all the politicians, journalists, observers, bureaucrats, officials and hangers-on, there is little sign of a grip on world affairs. Some of the delegates, however, seem to enjoy themselves — away from the Palais Chaillot.

The first thing which strikes an observer is the size of some of the delegations. Some of those attached to delegations never get as far as the Assembly or even the commissions. The Soviet delegation consists of 410 persons, many of whom have been motoring all around France, especially in places where there are military installations. Some of them are intelligence officers. The French authorities are very annoyed but do not feel that anything can be done to curtail these activities.

Indo-China

The French are worried about the possibility of Chinese intervention in Indo-China. The military situation there is critical from a long-term point of view. The drain on France's economy is serious. So is the call on skilled soldiers. France is losing the equivalent each year of one promotion of St. Cyr officers. Reserves are limited. During Ho Chi-minh's recent offensive they reached the point of virtual exhaustion.

As we already know, there are signs that Chinese "volunteer" intervention is being prepared. The French, therefore, demand that the other Western nations should make a declaration that they will intervene in Indo-China if China does so. Mr. Eden's recent statement on the subject at Columbia University may go some way to reassure them and to warn Russia.

Some Frenchmen, however, say that if China comes into the Indo-China war, it may be necessary to evacuate. This is not blackmail. It is a statement of fact. This defeatist opinion is very alarming. If it prevails, the consequences will be far-reaching.

Socialist Germany

The German situation arouses deep interest. It is thought that Adenauer's government is in a precarious position. He is under pressure not only from the Communist side but from certain Western influences which seek to promote a Socialist Germany. These feel that it is time to replace Adenauer by someone able to coalesce with Schumacher and also with the more "moderate" elements of East Germany's Communist regime, such as Grotewohl and Dertinger, with the aim of forming an all-German government and holding all-German elections.

According to the best observers, such a development

would destroy any chance of forming a West German army in alliance with the West. It would, in due course, take Germany into the Soviet camp as a totalitarian Socialist state. Such tendencies need most careful watching. A very important German told our observer that decisive action along these lines is imminent. The fall of Adenauer would be a serious matter for the Western Powers, possibly upsetting all our strategic arrangements.

Socialists are already trying to poison the minds of Americans against Conservative governments in the West. At home, Socialists oppose, or are half-hearted about, rearmament. Abroad they tell the Americans how much more efficiently they would make military preparations were they in power. One Socialist told our observer that, "if we ever get into power again — and we will — we will never allow ourselves to be thrown out again."

French Question

Neutrality is much more widespread than military resistance to Communist aggression in Indo-China and participation in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization seems to suggest. The silent but powerful force of neutrality is widespread throughout the nation, including even the church. The senior Cardinal of France has recently expressed opinions very close to this point of view.

One of Britain's chief official observers in Paris — an official whose memoranda on France reach Cabinet level — is a pro-Communist sympathizer, and has been so for 20 years. He is an influential and dangerous man, who should long ago have been removed from the public service. The U. S. government recently sent a special observer to France. He had an introduction — as a man to be fully trusted — to one of our oldest and most reliable informants in France. This introduction was given by one of General Eisenhower's senior intelligence officials. Our friend accepted this observer as wholly reliable. The man had, however, lied about his antecedents, which turned out to be highly unsatisfactory. This American thus got a good deal of confidential information. The eventual conclusions, which formed the basis of his report to the State Department, were derived from a Frenchman with a long pro-Communist record.

Until recently one of the highest legal officials in France — a convinced Communist — was sending copies of all confidential documents concerned with the prosecution of Communists to the Polish Embassy in Paris. He has now been replaced but only because he has been promoted to a high judicial office. These facts are documented, with names and full details, in the files of our informants.

Our observers in the U.S.S.R. have now sent us further news of Soviet war preparations in the Arctic. Some time ago in connection with the big bases at the mouth of the Kolyma River, advance radar and meteorological stations were set up on Medvezhvi Ostrova (Bear Islands). During last summer, an air base was added, with metal runways from which bombers can take off.

From a usually reliable source, but without further confirmation, we learn that early next summer the Kolyma Air Force base is to be used for testing a new rocket of a much improved V2 type. Last summer huge launching ramps of a new type were constructed. Four mobile ramps were seen there at the end of the summer. Considerable developments have taken place in the Arctic since we last reported on this aspect of Soviet war preparations.

Indonesian Danger

The fact that news from Indonesia is scant and seldom strikes the headlines tends to give the impression that the situation there is improving and settling down. The reverse is actually the case.

The inherent instability of the present government is emphasized by the challenge of widespread anarchy. Various guerrilla movements are very active. Most of them, while assuming political guises, are plain banditry. Many are well armed with weapons which were originally distributed to fight the Dutch and which the authorities have been unsuccessful in collecting. Amongst the guerrillas, there is undoubtedly a hard core of Communists trying to organize various types of brigand into a coherent political force.

Guerrilla forces have effectively made ordered government impossible in much of the interior of the Celebes, parts of Java, and some smaller areas. In the Guerrilla areas roads are unsafe, houses are attacked and plundered, government officials disappear, and local notables are captured and put to death — sometimes by torture. The pretext is usually previous collaboration with the Dutch. There is no evidence to substantiate the government's claims to have reduced bandit activities.

The main aim of Indonesian foreign policy, as officially declared, is to bring about the inclusion of West Irian (Dutch New Guinea) in the Republic of Indonesia. This demand has no justification in law or fact. The cession of New Guinea to Indonesia would mean the extension of a danger area and the ruin of this remaining Dutch territory.

The Communist threat in Indonesia is very real. The Communists have gained a substantial following amongst Western educated intellectuals who returned from European universities as Socialists, and later turned Communist. It is true that strong action was taken against them last August, when there were widespread arrests, including some of the leaders. But Communists are still in positions of power and influence. They do not seem over-worried and many of those arrested have since been released.

The Communists have also shown an uncanny adaptability to popular issues and have thus succeeded in penetrating many groups which are not primarily Communist, or even political; an old technique which should by now be well understood. The Communists have considerable influence over the large Chinese population. Many of these Chinese are wealthy and powerful. They control most of the foreign trade with other Asiatic countries, and much of the retail trade and the smaller industries. Much of Indonesia's wealth is in Chinese hands. Nevertheless, much Chinese financial support has been given to the Communists.

Some objective observers say that while it would be wrong to treat the present government as Communist, as many of the Dutch are inclined to do, its weakness and political immaturity, coupled with the unreliability of President Sukarno, constitute a dangerous situation.

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THE RED FOG

By VOLDEMARS KORSTS

PART II • *The Envelopment*

LENIN DECLARED that private property is incompatible with Communism and this ruling has been strictly carried out in the Soviet Union. A Soviet citizen cannot have any possessions except a few essential belongings. Every house, every workshop, every farm, every car has been nationalized, not to mention factories and big estates. In Latvia also every bank account and all savings deposits over Ls.100 (approx. \$25.00) came under the rule of nationalization. The very small undertakings with no hired help were spared at first but then, in a year or so, they were annexed to the State's co-operatives.

This nationalization is the most characteristic feature of the Soviet economy and fully obscure to common sense. The true name for this business should be robbery, but of course there it is called social improvement.

How are the nationalizations carried out? It is done very simply with the big properties: the owners are arrested, the properties immediately sealed with a special, trusted commission draws the inventory. In other cases the owner has to help to carry out the procedure and escort the commission politely and kindly. He has to be very careful not to forget to report everything, because even the tiniest hidden article would be cause for a complaint against him for stealing the State's property. He has to be very careful also with the assigned ledgers so that the correct income will be given; the auditors take care to request the cash, deposits and other valuables. However, the taxes for the current year must be paid by the former owner, no matter where he gets the money. When it is decided that the articles produced or on stock are needed in Russia, the owner himself has to provide boxes, help with the packing and deliver everything to Moscow. In 1940-41 this was the case with all medical supplies and equipment, but almost everything else was considered as important and transported to Russia. When it is decided to continue the business, the former owner may be

kept as a hired hand until the new employees learn the routine. Then he is dismissed as an unwanted element in the bourgeoisie.

By the way, it must be explained that the communistic notion of the bourgeoisie is much broader than in other parts of the world, and even broader than in the time of the French Revolution. A bourgeois is anyone who has led an honest life, earned his livelihood, never was a too-great drunkard, never was sentenced to jail, and so on. Even the industrial workers, theoretically the most preferred class, can be considered bourgeois if they have saved and got a small house, a savings deposit, send their children to some higher schools, attend church — in short, have betrayed the communistic idea of an oppressed working class.

In the same way the word "proletariat" is much misunderstood. The communist propagandists cover by this expression all working people and they tell that the Communists' goal is the improvement of their conditions. But a worker who earns \$35-\$50 a week, owns a car, inhabits two or three rooms, has a nice Sunday suit, etc., would hardly be called "proletarian" under a communistic government! He would be considered not even a bourgeois but — worse — a capitalists' handy man!

Everybody is made as poor as possible in the Communist-ruled countries. The individual does not matter there, only the Collective — the State. And there is no way to protest. As already said, the larger owners being capitalists, they were arrested even before the nationalization of their property was carried out and the little ones do not dare to show the slightest disappointment at losing the earnings of an honest busy life. In such a case they would be suspected of not having a communistic perception and not being loyal to the government's law.

Another hardship not comprehensible in democratic countries is the loss of all free time and privacy. The people do not have any time to themselves.

After the official eight working hours there are "voluntary" hours to help in the realization of the five-year plan, to please daddy Stalin on his birthdays, to honor the Party on her anniversaries, to remember the glorious, unconquerable Red Army, to achieve the title "Labor Hero" (entitles one to a little higher bread ration), and so on and so on, until the work-day reaches twelve to sixteen hours, which, being "voluntary," are not paid for. In the evenings the workers have to attend classes to learn the works of Marx, Engels, Lenin and, first of all, the "Short Course in the History of the Russian Communist Party," which is said to be written by Stalin but in fact by several Party members.

At home, late in the night, different meetings of the house-committees must be attended. If there is no meeting on some night, the "house propagandist" comes personally to discuss different affairs, checking the opinions of the comrades — citizens if theirs do not cross with the official ones in some question or other. These house-committees are typical installations of the "new world" in Russia which, like many other new installations, do not work out but are inexhaustible sources for humorists, if there is some humor left at all.

The committees are elected by the tenants and should replace the capitalistic owner. But nobody is willing to pay more than the officially taxed rent and nobody cares if the estate goes to pieces in the next two or twenty years. The State takes all the income but does not give much of anything for repairs. There is no way for the committee to make improvements or even try to keep the building fit for living. Also the Party is not interested in spending money for such cheap matters as better living conditions but is very interested in the souls of the citizens. The house-committees have a mission like that of the Secret Police, the mission of supervising the spiritual moods of the inhabitants — a new burden to them.

Since the movies, theatres, books

and all other arts are censored, and no printed word is allowed from outside, the citizens are mentally fed with propaganda only. At the beginning this mental servitude is almost harder to bear than the material enslavement, but after years and years, as the body is weakened, the spirit weakens too.

It is an established fact that, after the Communists took over power, they confirmed the old proverb: "The way to hell is paved with good intentions." In 1917 they promised to stop the employment of minors and night shifts; to establish the eight-hour working day; carry out the Marx principle, "From each one according to his ability, to each one according to his needs." They promised landed property to everyone who cares for farming, absolute freedom in choice of work, freedom of thought and manner of living. The reality can be seen from the following laws:

1) On November 20, 1932 the Soviet Government issued a law that one day's absence from work is punishable with dismissal, loss of food ration cards (there has been food rationing from 1922-1936 and again from 1939-1948), and the privilege of housing or shelter.

2) On December 21, 1938 the labor handbook was introduced, in which every change of employment must be marked by the employer. No voluntary changes are allowed.

3) On June 26, 1940 the Soviet Union issued a proclamation, which forms the peak of enslavement. The former quota of production was cancelled and a higher one established; absenteeism is punishable with three years in a slave-labor camp; a delay of a few minutes with one year in a labor camp or 25% reduction of wages for the next six months.

The labor camps were thus supplied with plenty of workers, but a remarkable shortage of labor hands turned up at all working places where the deported men were formerly employed. The Soviet Union solved this unexpected problem with the help of a new order which affected the youth at this time. On October 2, 1940 the law for the "Creation of Labor Reserves" was published. According to this law teenagers from twelve to fifteen years of age must conscript annually in order to learn a trade. The Ministry of Labor decides each year the labor supply needed in the different branches. Generally the greatest shortage exists in coal mines, mining plant construc-

tions, native oil production and other fields which require hard work. Therefore, the majority of the children are directed to these occupations and start to "learn a trade."

The local Trade Unions, Youth Corps, etc., take over the responsibility for the girls and boys: under the slogan "Socialistic Contest" they demand that the quota of work be exceeded, that no political classes and meetings are missed and so on. A decree of December 28, 1940 introduced the penalty of one year in labor camps if the young people do not register for these Labor Reserves, so even children are doomed to labor camps if they are not willing to leave their parents. Actually, the Party gains in two ways by this order: cheap workers for the present and properly educated Communists for the future.

In regard to the problem of housing it must be stated that, even if one has enough money for the rent of more rooms, there would be some difficulties, not only because of the extreme shortage of housing as all private building initiative has been shut off for the last thirty years, but also because the law permits each person to occupy only four to seven square yards of living space. So one apartment in the Soviet Union is usually inhabited by many families. If the rooms happen to be large, which is often the case in old buildings, even a single room must be shared with others. Naturally the kitchen, bathroom, pantry and basement are always overburdened and people have to cook their meals, keep their food, do laundry and wash themselves in the one dining-living-bedroom space.

A recently escaped couple (fall of 1950) told this story: one man had been summoned to the police station. He was denounced for not having Stalin's picture in his room. Asked if he was willing to decorate his walls with this holy portrait in the future, the man said "No." "Since I am occupying only the middle of the room, the walls do not belong to me," he explained to the surprised policemen.

For a still better knowledge of material conditions as they are there is available much good data from official statistical bureaus. According to the researches of the UN statistical bureau, which has compiled valuable figures that can be used for purposes of comparison, the average income in 1950 in different countries has been:

	Per Head
United States.....	\$1453
Great Britain.....	773
Switzerland.....	849
Soviet Union.....	308
Poland.....	300

Soviet Russia ranges very low indeed, but it must be remarked that the Government of Soviet Russia in the officially given data does not include the income of the rural population — the kolkchoze workers. The wages of the kolkchoze workers are extremely low. (Kolkchoze is the name for a collectivized farm where all workers are hired State's employees; the total land in the Soviet Union is the property of the State.) As Russia is largely a rural country it might be said that actually the average yearly income is only about \$80.00 per head.

The Department of Labor in the United States has codified data which shows how much a worker can buy for the earnings of one working hour in different countries. Relating to food the list is in the following order: Australia, United States, Norway, Canada, Denmark and, in the very last place, very much below, the Soviet Union. According to these data a worker in the United States can buy seven times as much as a similar worker in the Soviet Union for the earnings of the same working hours, but the American statisticians have been too conservative: really, as shown above, the relation is 15 to 1.

It should be obvious now that the living conditions in the Soviet Union are very, very low and behind any other country of the civilized world. No illusions about something worth longing for there should be entertained. Everything dreamed once by idealists has been a failure. The only exception is found among the Party members, who enjoy better circumstances of housing, food and clothing. The principle of equality is not applied to them! The ones in high positions are very well off: police chiefs, party-secretaries, army generals, etc., receive approximately 30,000-50,000 rubles monthly. Compared with the 200-300 rubles of common workers, the relation is 1 to 500. If such a payroll were used in the United States, a worker would receive \$4.00, while a party-member lieutenant would receive \$350.00 weekly. What would the American trade unions say? The Russian trade unions keep silent.

But not everyone can be a Party-member even if he wished to be. A proletarian descent must be proved, long candidate years served, special deeds which show a good comprehension of a communistic reasoning must be accomplished, difficult examinations passed and — above all — the conscience silenced. Comparing the total population of Soviet Russia, the Party members are a very small percentage, only 1%. Their conditions do not improve the average in any way.

In connection with this a true story should be told which happened in Riga during the first Communist Occupation (1940-1941). At the University the Red Propaganda Professor explained the different systems of governments. About plutocracy he said that this is a form of government where the minority rules the majority. One student asked for more details and, while the auditorium held its breath, the following dialogue was carried on:

Student: "Please, Comrad Professor, how many inhabitants are there in the Soviet Union?"

Professor: "200 millions, Comrad."

Student: "Please, Comrad Professor, how many members are there in the Communist Party?"

Professor: "Two millions."

Student: "Thank you, Comrad Professor, I understand."

It is not necessary to add that the boy soon disappeared without any trace.

As the first economic task of the Communists is the nationalization of private property, so the first task in spiritual matters is the eradication of religion. Lenin said that religion is the opiate of the people, with which the priests keep their minds inactive, so that the people are unable to make any improvements or overthrow their exploiters. Since then the Party has never ceased to combat religion. It started by using church buildings as stables and warehouses and humiliating and tormenting the clergymen. As a matter of fact, the general nationalization affects also church properties, not only the real estate but the confiscation of all valuables. The dominating Greek-Orthodox Church in Royal Russia was immensely rich and the Party got a good prey indeed by taking over the valuable oil paintings, gold vessels and other richly ornamented ecclesiastical articles.

After World War II the procedure has been repeated in every occupied or

controlled country, but with this difference: the Party is conscious of being more in the eyes of the world and the annihilation of the Church is accomplished in a quieter way than in the years shortly after 1917. The results are the same however.

It must be stressed once more that religion is contradictory to the communistic ideology. Even if there is no law which forbids one to believe in God, certainly there are laws which make it impossible to worship God. All Army members and all State employees are forbidden to attend church services. For the rest it is made as difficult as possible.

As the church buildings belong to the State, the parishes have to pay a very high rent if they wish to use them for services. The rate for electricity for ecclesiastical purposes is fourteen times higher than usually. Each service is subject to taxation. The taxes are unreasonably high and are very strictly collected. The slightest inaccuracy from the parish results in a total prohibition of services and the ministers are accused of sabotage.

In the time of the alliance with the United States and Great Britain some special churches were founded, but specially prepared ministers preached quite the same as all propagandists. They preached about the bad capitalists and the good Father, Teacher and Leader Stalin. In Czechoslovakia, for instance, such a "National Catholic Church" was founded by an ex-priest Mr. Plojar who, as the press reported, got good results. Two seminaries were also founded which produced 139 new clergymen who were able to teach the new dogmas. The Information Center tells that these ministers distributed religious pictures in the villages such as "Jesus among the Paupers." The inscription read: "Comrad Jesus among Comrades." Who could say that in the Soviet Union there is no religious freedom!

The news from the Baltic States would be ridiculous if it were not so sad. The churchgoers have to get special permission from the police in order to attend a church service. This permit must then be presented to the *Chehist* in attendance at the church entrance. Of course, it is a voluntary registration for the next deportation. It is ordered that services should be held only very early in the mornings as during other free time people have to attend more progressive meetings.

Another decree forbids voluntary help for church repair work and many beautiful old church buildings, especially the ones damaged in war hostilities, simply fall to ruins. This order is explained by stating that there is a shortage of workers for more important constructive work and a Soviet citizen should not waste his time in prolonging superstition. Anyway, churches are permitted to be only seven kilometers apart — no matter whether in a city or in the country.

A very grotesque rule puts the chorals under communistic censorship. Sermons must be presented to this same censorship a week before given. The publication of religious literature is out of the question and all that was available previously in the libraries, homes and churches has been largely destroyed.

The life of all clergymen is very hard. Their mission does not conform with the intentions of the government by any means, so they are officially proclaimed to be saboteurs. It is forbidden to pay them even the smallest fee; on the contrary, they have to pay a contribution to the State for each performed ritual. The contribution for a baptism or confirmation is 1200 rubles and for a wedding 1500 rubles. It is clear that the ministers have to make their living by manual work, but the State's enterprises do not appoint saboteurs and other working places are scarcely to be found. Their private life is under constant surveillance by *Cheka* agents. Naturally they are the first to go the martyr's way.

In 1917 and 1918 almost all the clergy were destroyed by tortures and by shooting after public humiliations. A clergyman in Soviet Russia must have been a very rare sight. Since 1944, as the Communists have occupied many countries, the destruction of the clerical class has started again in a still more systematically organized and more cruel way. In Poland, a strong Catholic country, the *Cheka* has even invented a special torture-chamber where priests can learn to endure the tortures of hell for having taught the people about purgatory.

Certainly Soviet Russia does everything to get rid of this group which is considered the most useless and harmful of all. The upbringing of the youth takes care that no replacements will ever be made and the immensely wide anti-religious propaganda lessens the number of devout people year by year.

The Overwhelming Flood

By WILLIAM O. LAY, JR.

January 26, 1952
THE OPENING WEEKS of 1952 found Russia's "creeping war" gaining momentum. Violence and disorders, aimed at undermining the West's strategic position, flared ever higher in Egypt, Iran and French North Africa. Soviet subversive activities, pressed tirelessly while Western leaders slept, were on the verge of yielding new conquests to the Russian plotters.

The relentless sweep of events crowded the United States and the British Commonwealth ever nearer to the supreme crisis. Snarled by past errors, their prestige steadily waning throughout the Asiatic and North African territories, the Anglo-Saxon Powers had reached a point where any new Soviet move would pose almost insuperable dilemmas.

The Russians, retaining the initiative, were in a position to act anywhere around the vast periphery of their holdings. Ominous hints from Soviet leaders and propaganda sources caused Western statesmen to cast anxious eyes toward Southeast Asia. Insurrection in Nepal demonstrated that Soviet plans for India had reached the overt interference stage.

The multiform threat to the Anglo-Saxon peoples has built up progressively over recent years. A study of the accompanying charts will show how many separate developments have contributed their share of stress and complication. Yet the picture is not one of haphazard confusion, but rather the precise unfoldment of a complex and marvelous design. The time-cycles show that all factors are controlled and in balance. The Divine Overseer will not permit the rush of events to destroy Britain and America, only crack their hard shell of spiritual obduracy and apathy.

American prestige dipped sharply as a consequence of the Hungarian government's arrogant treatment of four United States airmen downed by Soviet fighter planes. Ostensibly fined as border violators, the men were actually held for ransom and subse-

quently released when the United States handed over the \$120,000 demanded.

The trial and conviction of the four American fliers came 1335 days lunar after the inception of the Zionist state on May 14-16, 1948. The 1335 time-measure bears connotations of judgment when applied to nations outside the Israel orbit. The acts of presumptuous peoples like the Zionists and Hungarians are being used to intensify the throes of chastisement upon the blind and errant "nation and company of nations" which comprise latter-day Israel.

The Hungarians released the American flyers on December 28, a date marked by significant chronological cycles. Especially noteworthy is the fact that December 28 fell 11 x 1260 days lunar after Britain's entry into World War I on August 5, 1914. The 1260 cycle is that denoting tribulation, while the number eleven signifies disorder or disorganization.

Also pertinent is the 1290 plus 666 days separating December 28, 1951 from the August 20, 1946 Yugoslav crisis, another incident involving high-handed treatment of Americans by a Soviet satellite. The 1290 time-factor is the number of desolation, while 666 is that applied to human imperfection or the "powers of this world." As indicated near the bottom of Chart I, December 28 was also marked by a 1260-day cycle extending from the July 16, 1948 Jerusalem truce.

The American State Department's slap-on-the-wrist retaliation for the Hungarian outrage also came on the December 28 terminal. American travel in Hungary was banned and Hungarian consulates in Cleveland and New York closed.

The columnist David Lawrence cited the handling of the Hungarian incident by the Washington Administration as an illustration of "the bankruptcy of ideas and frustration characteristic of the spineless behavior of the Department of State." Mr. Lawrence further declared:

"One indignity after the other has been

heaped on the department because there has been no policy of firmness in the past. Naturally the Communists now find that blackmail and extortion pay off."

All around the world, wherever Soviet propaganda penetrates, the Hungarian incident will be harped upon as proof of American weakness and decadence. Other Soviet satellites will be emboldened to try similar tactics at every opportunity. Appropriate indeed is the combination of time-cycles marking December 28 with the numerical symbols of tribulation and disintegration.

Great Britain, meanwhile, was feeling repercussions of its Abadan retreat. On December 25 the government of Iraq nationalized the subsidiary operating companies of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company. The British were to keep the companies going until Iraqi technicians were trained.

The Iraqi announcement came 420 days lunar after General MacArthur's November 6, 1950 communique revealing Chinese Communist intervention in Korea (center of Chart I). The 420-day measure is one-sixth of the important 2520-day cycle of trial or probation, and therefore partakes of the significance of both 6 and 2520. It is also ten times the number of confusion (42) and indicates confusion coming to perfection.

The World Bank plan for settling the Iranian oil dispute, noted last month, was rejected by the Iranian government on December 26. The date fell a warning cycle of 7 x 120 days after the Tri-Power monetary conference opened in Washington on September 7, 1949 (near top of Chart II).

December 30 brought another tentative step toward European unity as leaders of six nations announced agreement on plans for a "shadow government" designed to oversee operations of the proposed European army. This was 7 x 120 days lunar after September 23, 1949 when President Truman revealed that the Soviet Union had exploded an atomic bomb.

The Egyptian cauldron boiled and

bubbled. On December 31 the commander of Britain's Middle Eastern forces warned that "neither passage of time nor murderous episodes" would drive the British out. The date fell 420 days after November 6, 1950 and 1040 days after the February 24, 1949 Jewish-Egyptian armistice (center of Chart I). The 1040 cycle, that in which plans or policies come to fruition, here marks an unmistakable pattern of intensifying Middle Eastern turmoil.

On January 2 Egypt opened a program of military training for civilians, with the avowed purpose of preparing the nation against any "aggression by foreign troops." Meanwhile, the secretary-general of the Arab League declared that the British were "fools" to resist Egypt's efforts to oust them from the Suez Canal Zone. And in Washington a State Department spokesman revealed that the United States and Great Britain were in consultation over the increasing lawlessness and terrorist activity in Egypt.

These developments, not charted, all came 7 x 270 days after October 30, 1946 when the West rejected Soviet disarmament proposals advanced in the UN. The 7 x 270 cycle, seven times the nine months of pregnancy, marks successive phases of travail as the world moves toward the birth of the long-foretold New Order of the Ages.

The Russians on January 3 called for a UN Security Council meeting to consider a successful conclusion of Korean armistice negotiations and methods of relaxing world tensions. Soviet Foreign Minister Vishinsky coupled this with ominous hints of events to come in Southeast Asia. In charging the United States with preparing aggression against Red China, the Soviets provided themselves with a pretext for new campaigning on their southern flank.

The January 3 Soviet move most significantly came a desolation cycle of 1290 days after the June 22, 1948 Berlin currency crisis which led to the Berlin Blockade and Allied airlift (lower part of Chart II). The Kremlin leaders ever provoke incidents and promote unrest in their deliberate campaign to drive the West into economic collapse.

The British on January 6 closed the city of Suez to all but essential travelers and ordered a nearby "snipers' nest" village evacuated. This was 666 days after March 11, 1950 and 420 days

solar after November 6, 1950 (near center of Chart I). The 1950 terminal, 9 x 1290 days solar after the British entered Jerusalem in 1917, was that on which United States diplomats closed a conference called to discuss the dangerous Middle Eastern situation.

Note that the 420-day cycle extending from November 6, 1950 marked progressive unfoldment of the Middle Eastern crisis, with developments in Iraq on its lunar terminal and in Egypt on the other two dates. The January 6 solar terminal also brought the disclosure that West Germany had completed plans for a draft army to join the proposed European defense force.

President Truman and British Prime Minister Churchill opened their formal White House conferences on January 7. Noteworthy indeed is the fact that this date fell precisely a 2520-day period of trial or probation after the Yalta Conference communique was issued on February 12, 1945 (top of Chart II). The blunders of Yalta, so deadly in expediting Soviet ascendancy, are at last forcing Great Britain and the United States into closer relationships as the threat to their civilization balloons. This too is part of the Divine plan.

The Truman-Churchill conference also came 7 x 120 days solar after September 7, 1949 when Tri-Power talks concerned with Britain's economic plight opened in Washington.

Even as Churchill and Truman met, the Western alliance was weakened by the fall of Premier René Pleven's French government over the issue of increasing taxes to meet France's share in European defense. Since the French fiscal position affects developments in Indo-China, it is significant that the January 7 cabinet crisis came 666 days lunar after March 22, 1950 when a special United States mission urged quick aid for the French and their allies in the struggle against Viet Minh guerrillas.

Russia on January 7 again called for a high-level Security Council meeting to break the deadlock in the "floundering" Korean truce talks. This development, involving particularly the United Nations and the Far East, is related to both by appropriate cycles. It came 2300 days lunar after the organization of the UN on October 24, 1945 and also 7 x 120 days lunar after the proclamation of the Chinese Com-

munist government on October 1, 1949.

A review of the January 7 section at the top of Chart II will help to make plain the manner in which the several time-cycles stressed the importance of this date.

The United Nations Political Committee on January 8 approved a Western plan which would enable the General Assembly to act against aggression when Security Council action is blocked by the veto. This came exactly 286 days solar before October 24, 1952, which closes a 2520-day period of trial after the organization of the UN in 1945 (top of Chart I).

An economic agreement designed to promote Yugoslavia's internal stability and "strengthen mutual security and individual defenses against aggression" was signed in Belgrade, also on the January 8 terminal, by representatives of the United States and Tito governments.

The official communique following the Churchill-Truman conferences was issued on January 9. Agreement was expressed, in general terms, on a broad range of topics, but there was an apparent lack of positive decisions on certain basic problems such as Suez and making Britain financially solvent. In this the conferences fell short of meeting the exigencies of the hour.

The Churchill-Truman communique was released 2520 plus two days after that announcing results of the 1945 Yalta Conference. In addition, January 9 was 1335 days after the proclamation of the Zionist state on May 14, 1948 (top of Chart II).

The United Nations, also on January 9, overwhelmingly defeated the Soviet proposal for transferring Korean truce negotiations to the Security Council. This came as the Panmunjom delegates proclaimed an insoluble deadlock over the issue of airfield construction during an armistice. The subcommittee considering prisoner exchange was almost as badly snarled.

A report from Paris on January 11 disclosed that the Harriman Committee of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization had fixed the defense bill of the Western Powers at 224 billion dollars over the ensuing three years, with the United States and Canada assessed 150 billion dollars. A drain of this magnitude could well be fatal to the sagging economies of the Western nations.

A warning cycle of 7 x 120 days

separates this January 11 date from September 23, 1949 when President Truman revealed the Soviet atomic explosion (lower center of Chart II). The significance of this will be touched upon later.

January 11 brought other events of warning. Top Western military leaders met in Washington to shape Allied strategy in the event that Red China launched a new campaign in Asia. In Paris, the United Nations created a disarmament commission and instructed it to begin work quickly on proposals for the regulation, limitation and balanced reduction of all armed forces and armaments.

A Cairo report, meanwhile, disclosed that Egypt had hired former German troopers and an ex-Wehrmacht general to organize her guerilla war against Britain in the Suez Canal Zone. In addition to the warning tie-

in noted above, this development is linked to the Middle Eastern pattern by the 1335 days separating it from the May 16, 1948 Israeli appeal to the UN against Egyptian aggression (lower center of Chart II).

The Iranian government on January 12 ordered all British consulates closed. This came a perfected "Israel's chastisement" cycle (390 plus two days) after December 16, 1950 when the United States declared a national emergency (top of Chart I).

Also on January 12, Russia presented a revised version of her "peace plan" involving a modification of her stand on inspection of atomic plants. Western delegates found the plan misleading and unacceptable. The development, affecting Russia and the UN, was fittingly marked by two cycles. It came 420 plus two days after November 16, 1950 and 286 days before Oc-

tober 24, 1952. The 1950 date was that on which Russia refused to back any UN move condemning Chinese Communist intervention in Korea. The October 1952 terminal will be 2520 days solar after the organization of the UN.

The Soviet press on January 14 headlined charges that the United States was plotting "another Korea" by starting armed intervention against the Communist-recognized Viet Minh regime in Indo-China. This agitation, ominous because the Soviets often charge their enemies with what they themselves are planning, came amid new reports that Red China was mobilizing forces for an invasion of Indo-China.

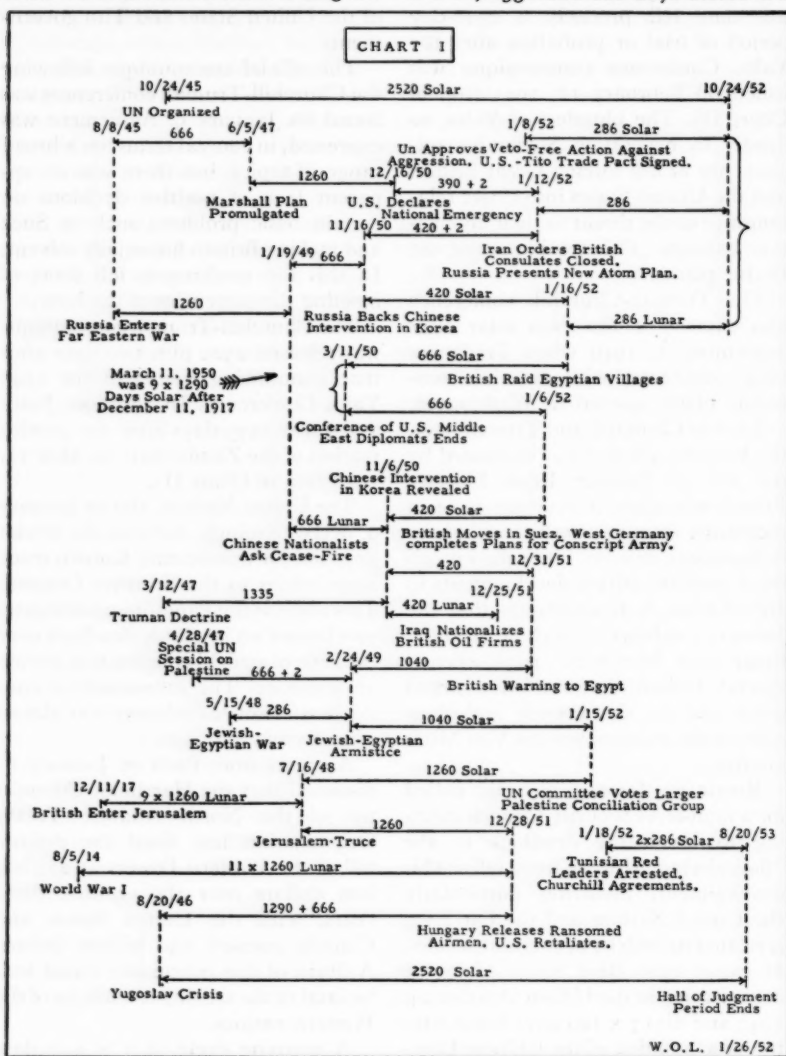
These foreshadowing events fell 1260 days after August 2, 1948 and 420 days lunar after November 26, 1950. The former date brought the opening of Kremlin talks aimed at settling the Berlin blockade impasse. The 1950 date marked the Chinese Red offensive in Korea which nearly hurled UN forces into the sea (bottom of Chart II).

The threat of open Red Chinese intervention in Indo-China confronted American military planners with a nightmarish dilemma. It was recognized that the French could not hold alone, and no more American forces were available for piecemeal commitment on the Korean pattern. Yet to lose Indo-China would, in the words of Joseph and Stewart Alsop, "probably amount to final defeat in the cold war."

The Special Political Committee of the UN on January 15 voted to continue the Palestine Conciliation Commission in an enlarged form. This was 1260 days solar after the July 16, 1948 Jerusalem truce and 1040 days solar after the February 24, 1949 Jewish-Egyptian armistice (lower half of Chart I).

The fighting in Egypt steadily increased in scope and intensity. On January 16 the British raided two villages near Tel-el-Kebir in a search for arms, capturing Egypt's police chief and 160 police suspected of aiding the irregulars. The date was 666 days solar after March 11, 1950 and 420 days solar after November 16, 1950. It was also 286 days lunar before October 24, 1952. All this material is summarized near the top of Chart I.

British Prime Minister Churchill, addressing a joint session of Congress on January 17, pledged Great Britain



to fight side by side with the United States, help defend Europe and meet Communist aggression wherever it developed. He asked the West to send at least token forces to help Britain hold the Suez Canal Zone. The date was 666 days solar after March 22, 1950 when the special U. S. mission urged quick aid for Indo-China (upper half of Chart II).

In Paris, meanwhile, Russia's Andrei Vishinsky declared that "unreasonable demands presented by the American command can give no hope for a suc-

cessful conclusion" of the Panmunjom armistice talks.

Unrest in French North Africa was growing more ominous each day. On January 18 the French sought to stem the tide by arresting twenty Nationalist and Communist leaders. The date was 2 x 286 days solar before August 20, 1953, which marks the end of the Hall of Judgment period in the Great Pyramid's chronograph of history (bottom of Chart I).

The January 18 terminal also brought announcement of further agreements

between Prime Minister Churchill and the United States Government. Among them was a British promise to withdraw recognition of Red China if a Korean truce was agreed to and subsequently broken by the Communists.

Formal release of the plans for West Germany's conscript army was made on January 19. On the same day the Egyptian crisis tautened further as an American nun was slain during a clash between British troops and Egyptians. These developments came 7 x 120 days after the proclamation of the Chinese Communist government on October 1, 1949 (upper center of Chart II).

Hopes for a Korean armistice dimmed still further on January 20 when the Peking radio revived its demand for withdrawal of foreign troops from Korea. This was 420 days after the November 26, 1950 Red Chinese offensive in Korea (bottom of Chart II). The January 20 terminal also brought a report from Rangoon that Chinese Nationalist troops were moving through Siam toward southern China to launch an April offensive against the Communists.

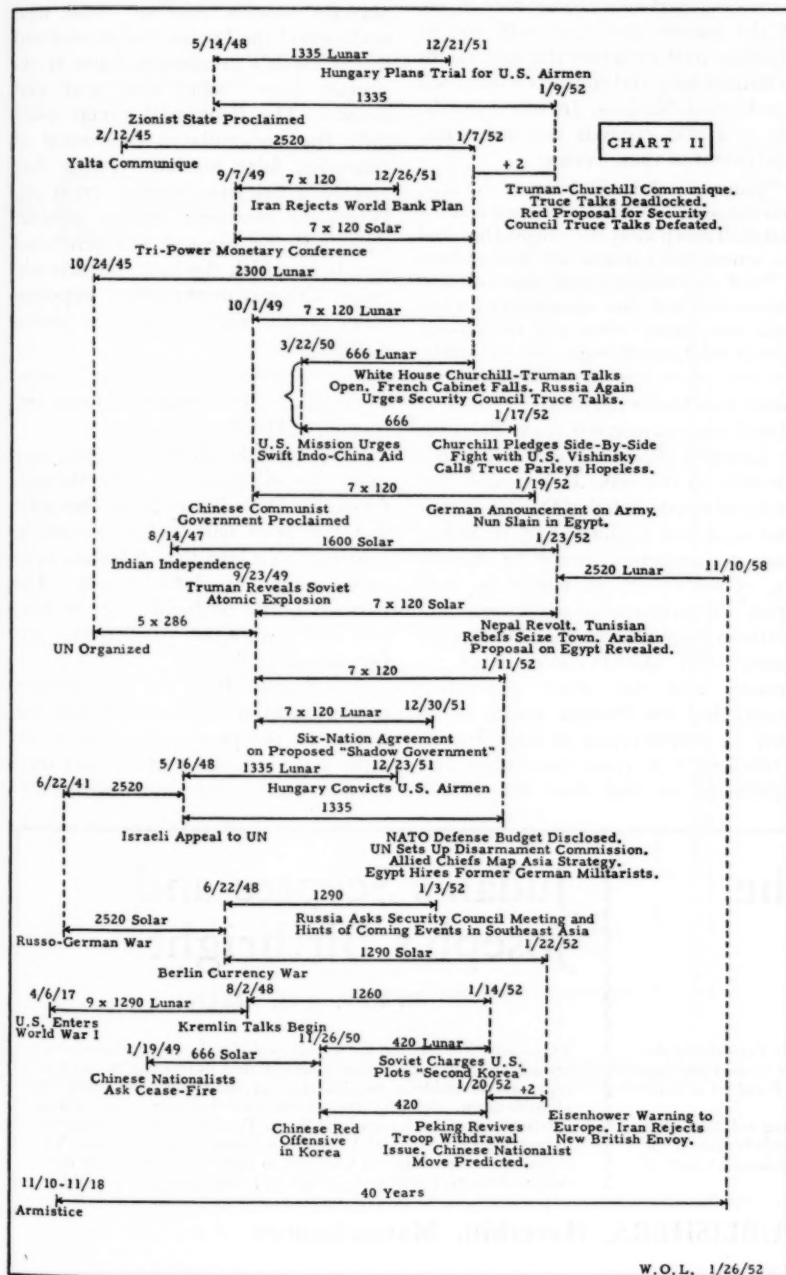
President Truman on January 21 submitted to Congress an 85 billion dollar budget in which there would be approximately a 14 billion dollar deficit to be added to the already huge national debt. Concerning this budget, Mr. David Lawrence wrote:

"For the vigilant eyes of Moscow's Politburo it means that the United States is approaching the very financial crisis toward which the Communists have been steering America."

The Truman budget message, bound to have a fateful bearing upon the East-West struggle, came 1600 plus 2 x 88 days after March 12, 1947 when this Russian-style World War III began. The date was included in Chart III, printed with the article, "Light Amid Confusion," in DESTINY for January 1952, pp. 26-29.

On January 22 General Dwight D. Eisenhower warned that failure of Western Europe to unite might tempt Russia to attack. Meanwhile, Iran rejected the new envoy designated by the British government. These events came 1290 days solar after the Berlin currency crisis (bottom of Chart II).

Outbursts of violence in two widely separated spots made January 23 a portentous date. The government of Nepal, strategic buffer state between



India and Communist Tibet, was threatened by a revolt touched off by a Red-tinged splinter party which demanded inclusion of Communists in the government. Meanwhile, the disorders in Tunisia approached the stage of civil war as Arab nationalists seized a village ninety miles from Tunis. January 23 also brought a disclosure that King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia had submitted proposals for settling the Suez Canal dispute between Egypt and Britain.

It is particularly significant that the Nepal revolt should fall on January 23 since that date was a solar cycle of judgment (1600 days) after India became independent on August 14, 1947. The Nepal development foreshadows other crucial events as the Communists continue their planned infiltration in this area.

January 23 was also 7 x 120 days solar after September 23, 1949 and 2520 days lunar before November 10, 1958 (center of Chart II). The 1958 date will close a 40-year generation after the 1918 Armistice.

Close study of the sequence of cycles mapped at the center of Chart II will be rewarding indeed. Note first the interval of 5 x 286 days extending from the organization of the UN on October 24, 1945 to President Truman's September 23, 1949 disclosure of a Soviet atomic explosion. The number five connotes Divine grace or favor, while 286 is the symbol of displacement. Bear in mind that the UN is termed a "refuge of lies" and "an agreement with hell" in Scriptural prophecy. The noted 5 x 286 cycle, therefore, marks the atomic race as one of the means that God will use in bringing to destruction the monument to human folly and conceit calling itself the United Nations. In other words, the 5 x 286 cycle is the numerical equivalent of these verses:

"Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

"And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be

trodden down by it." (Isa. 28: 17-18.)

Now follow out the three terminals of the 7 x 120 warning cycle extending from September 23, 1949. With marvelous clarity they show the rush of events outstripping the puny efforts of men to turn the tide. Violence raged in Tunisia, Egypt, Southeast Asia and was threatened in many other spots. An economic debacle is imminent. Many small crises are building up into a flood which will sweep faulty human institutions away like matchsticks.

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the Holy Land, but all ended in disaster. The present effort will be no exception, since God has so ordained.

Theologians generally have taught that the Throne of David was broken and came to an end along with the Kingdom of Judah; however, that is not the teaching of the parable. Note the reading, "I will break this people and this city." Although the words were addressed to the "kings of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem," the sentence is against the people and the city—but not against the throne.

After Zedekiah's death, the Throne of David was transferred from Palestine to Israel in the Isles, where it stands securely to this day. If Jeremiah had declared the downfall of David's throne and royal line in chapter 19, he would have contradicted himself in chapter 33, verses 17-26, in which he calls upon the ordinances of heaven and earth to bear witness that God's covenant with David could never be broken, and that every generation would find the Davidic throne occupied by a descendant of King David. Therefore it is most interesting and significant to find that the British

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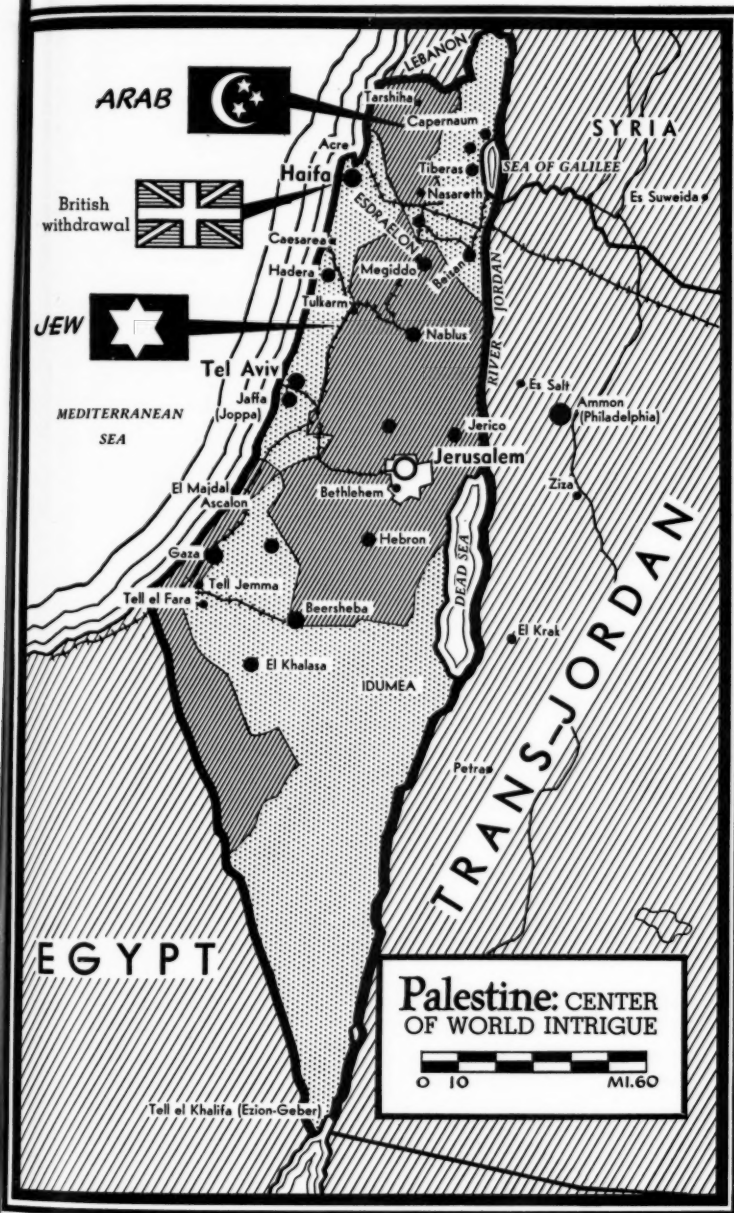
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